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**AIR FORCE** faces a slim budget plan, with fewer aircraft to purchase, including an end to the F-22 Raptor, and more emphasis on overseas operations



**NAVY** further committed to shallow, fast and brown, but saved room for big, deep and silent, deferring the 313-vessel fleet question to a later strategy review



**MARINE CORPS** gets ready for Afghanistan with 1,000 new MRAP-ATVs and Humvees and dozens more Ospreys while taking care of its expanded force and its families

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OF THE DAY

**"Most of the drivers are inexperienced or careless, and the camels just plain take over the road."**

— Staff Sgt. Jamelia Fritz, of the Japan-based 623rd Movement Control Team, on treacherous driving conditions in Kuwait, near the Iraq border

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Above: Lt. Cmdr. Steven Wasson and his son, Xander, 4, make a Mother's Day card Friday at the Family Readiness Center at Sasebo Naval Base in Japan. The Hario facility baked 120 cakes and invited local families to decorate them for Mother's Day.

Making  
Mom's  
Day

Right: Brenna Wasson, 2, puts sprinkles on a Mother's Day cake she made Friday for at the Family Readiness Center at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan.

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Lawmaker:  
No need  
to review  
Guam move

By DAVID ALLEN  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Guam Rep. Madeline Bordallo says the move of some 8,000 Marines and their family members from Okinawa to her U.S. territorial island does not need to be reviewed and should go ahead as planned.

Bordallo, in a news release Friday from her Washington office, countered Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Conway's assertion Wednesday to a House committee that the initial \$4 billion estimated to be the U.S. share of the cost to move the Marines to Guam falls short of the actual cost.

Conway told the House Military Construction subcommittee that "it will be far more than that." He did not cite the cost, however, stating that the Marines' move to Guam would be reconsidered as part of the upcoming Quadrennial Defense Review.

Bordallo said the military buildup on Guam is proceeding as planned, as it should.

"I have been reassured by officials at the Department of Defense that the military build-up on Guam is on track," she stated in her news release. "In particular, I was reassured that the Commandant was trying to address larger training as well as command and control issues that will be considered in the Congressionally mandated Quadrennial Defense Review."

In President Barack Obama's proposed \$3.4 trillion budget for the next fiscal year, \$787 million is requested for military construction projects for Guam. It's just the start of the \$4 billion the U.S. has said it will spend for military projects on the island related to the transfer of several major Marine commands to Guam by 2014.

Included in the \$787 million are \$48 million for highway construction, \$167 million for improvements to Apra Harbor and \$259 to begin construction of a more modern naval hospital.

The total cost of the relocation project has been pegged at \$10.27 billion, with Japan picking up \$6.07 billion, or 59 percent, of the cost.

Japan's House of Representatives approved \$2.8 billion last month for the Guam project.

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# 2010 DEFENSE BUDGET



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A maintenance airman inspects an MQ-9 Reaper in Afghanistan. Capable of striking enemy targets with on-board weapons, the Reaper has conducted close air support and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions. The 2010 Air Force budget proposal includes 24 new unmanned MQ-9 Reaper aircraft.

## Air Force budget: Little money, no F-22 Raptors

By LEO SHANE III  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Air Force will see only a 1.8 percent increase in spending in the proposed 2010 defense budget, which would mean building fewer planes and speeding up the retirement of others, and no increase in flight hours.

Service officials on Thursday spun the slim budget as an opportunity to reprioritize the force, shifting more resources to counterinsurgency work and nuclear security missions.

But Maj. Gen. Larry Spencer, the Air Force's deputy assistant secretary for the budget, acknowledged that the plan has "not a lot of new funding, but lots of rebalancing."

Most of the increases in the budget plan are slated for personnel and operations costs, with \$2.2 billion in new spending in pay and benefits for servicemembers and Air Force civilians.

Missile procurement is up, too, although the total number of munitions purchased will drop slightly and the Joint Air to Surface Standoff Missile program zeroed out in fiscal 2010.

The budget also includes a \$1.1 billion cut in aircraft procurement and will buy only 81 aircraft next year, 37 fewer than fiscal 2009.

Last month, Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced plans to end production of the F-22 Raptor, so four of the planes funded through the latest war supplemental will be the last ones built by the service, Spencer said.

Pentagon officials have touted the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program as the replacement for the Raptor, but the Air Force's original plan to build 13 JSFs next

year also was trimmed. Spencer said only 10 of those will be bought next year, with those aircraft being used for training missions.

The service also plans to retire 250 older aircraft — F-15s, F-16s and A-10s — in another restructuring/cost-saving move.

Spencer said that will result in about 4,000 airmen being moved to new jobs, largely dealing with unmanned aircraft crews or nuclear maintenance and security. About 2,500 new positions dealing with the service's nuclear mission will be created under the plan.

The retirement of the older aircraft will also mean a loss of about 32,000 flight hours, although Spencer said total flight time for the force will remain around 1.4 million hours for 2010.

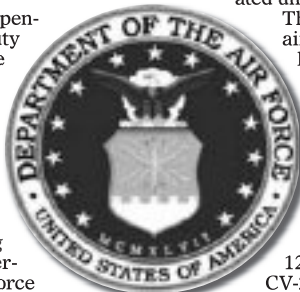
The budget will include 24 new unmanned MQ-9 Reaper aircraft, eight new C-27 Joint Cargo Aircraft, 12 new C-130s and five new CV-22B Ospreys.

About \$1.7 billion will be spent on bomber and fighter modernization programs, with new flight software for F-16s and A-10s and new radar and avionics equipment for the B-1, B-2 and B-52.

The Air Force has saved about \$900 million in fuel expenses this fiscal year; planners had anticipated \$115 per barrel of crude, but have averaged closer to \$87. Next year, Spencer said, officials have budgeted for \$89 per barrel, and expect fuel costs to remain flat.

Spencer said despite DOD-wide reductions in recruiting and retention bonuses, the Air Force still plans to spend about \$640 million in specialty pays for critical wartime skills: explosive ordnance disposal, tactical air control party, and medics, among others.

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Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Defense secretary Robert Gates has called for 55 Littoral Combat Ships, which are designed to operate in shallow, or littoral, waters. "The littoral areas, I believe, are going to become increasingly important. We currently have about 70 percent of the world's population that lives within about a 100- to 200-mile band along the coasts," said Adm. Gary Roughead, chief of naval operations.

## Navy taking steps to move toward irregular warfare

By KEVIN BARON  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Pentagon wants a 6.1 percent budget increase for the Navy to build eight new ships next year.

The ship buy, coupled with cuts to other programs, Pentagon budget officials said Thursday, is designed to help restructure the military with a better "balance" toward handling contemporary threats, and to squash the department's legendary out-of-control spending, per Defense Secretary Robert Gates' directive.

"A balance between competing priorities, balance between the right mix for addressing such issues as conventional vs. irregular warfare, balance between addressing current events and anticipating future events," said Adm. Terry Blake, deputy assistant secretary of the Navy.

Next year's budget would pay for three new shallow-water capable Littoral Combat Ships, which Adm. Gary Roughead, chief of naval operations, last week said was "extraordinarily important to the future of the Navy and the nation."

The budget also would continue expansion of the fleet of nuclear-powered Virginia-class submarines and aircraft carriers.

This would be the 12th Virginia-class submarine.

The budget also calls for the purchase of a third and final DDG-1000 Zumwalt-class destroyer, ending that line of ship as expected, and restarting the DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class Aegis guided-missile destroyer, the budget for which would rise from \$199 million to \$2.241 billion.

Additional increases would convert six Aegis ships with upgraded missile defenses by fiscal 2015.

But the Pentagon delayed the CG(X) program, known as the "next-generation cruiser" to replace the Ticonderoga-class ship.

The Pentagon said it did not lay out spending estimates for any years beyond 2010 in deference to this summer's Quadrennial Defense Review, a strategic guideline used by defense appropriators.

And officials would not say whether the Navy intended to stick with its goal of a 313-ship fleet, as was put forth in last year's 30-year plan delivered to Congress.

The Navy said it was holding its planned reduction of end-strength at 328,000 servicemembers.

Gates has called for 55 copies of the LCS, which is designed to operate in shallow, or littoral, waters.

And Roughead, in a speech last week at CSIS, said, "I predict when it is all said and done that they will be the workhorses of the fleet, and that the LCS will have a thousand fathers."

"The littoral areas, I believe, are going to become increasingly important. We currently have about 70 percent of the world's population that lives within about a 100- to 200-mile band along the coasts," he said.

Critics have said the Navy's continued purchases of aircraft carriers and submarines add to an oversized Cold War-era force that has grown unnecessarily bigger than the rest of the world's naval fleets combined.

But Roughead said last week that in early phases of Operation Enduring Freedom, 80 percent of sorties came off of aircraft carriers. And as for subs, he said, "If you've played chess, a nuclear submarine is the invisible queen."

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# 2010 DEFENSE BUDGET



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Boatswain's Mate Handler 3rd Class Jerry Lowe directs an MV-22 Osprey in landing on the flight deck of the USS Essex. The Corps will seek \$2.86 billion to purchase 35 copies of the V-22 Osprey, 30 toward a goal of 408 units for the Navy and Marine Corps and five "CV-22" copies toward a 50-unit fleet for special operations command.

## USMC focused on 'overseas contingency operations'

By KEVIN BARON  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Pentagon's budget priorities for the Marine Corps next year include all-terrain MRAP vehicles, V-22 Osprey helicopters, Humvees and anything else that is suited to fight in the "overseas contingency operations" in Afghanistan, the new budget euphemism for the Global War on Terrorism.

For the first time, the Department of Defense budgeted more money for the war in Afghanistan, \$65 billion, than for Iraq, \$61 billion. And with 21,000 additional U.S. ground troops expected in Afghanistan this year, 40 percent of the Department of the Navy's \$15.3 billion war budget is tagged for the Marines.

"What I'd like to get across is the idea that the national security team has really worked this problem hard.

"In this request is where you're going to first see the swing of not only dollars or resources, but combat capability from the Iraqi theater into the Afghanistan theater," said Vice Adm. P. Stephen Stanley, director of force structure for the Joint Staff.

Perhaps no line item reflects that shift in "lessons learned," budget documents said, than the number of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles procured: zero. Designed specifically to defeat roadside improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, in Iraq, Marine commanders have said MRAPs are "useless" in Afghanistan, which lacks adequate roads required of the heavy, cumbersome vehicles.

Instead the Pentagon is committing to a lighter, more maneuverable variant, called the MRAP-ATV, for all-terrain vehicle. The department is asking Congress for \$5.5 billion to purchase the first 1,080 copies of the machines, a 25 percent increase for the MRAP budget.

"This is how we're trying to be responsive to some of the pressure that the secretary has put on us, to try to get the combat capability into the theater that our war-

fighter is demanding," Stanley said.

Additionally, the budget calls for 985 Humvees for Marines, plus 85 for the Navy. And the budget would purchase 581 more Logistics Vehicle System Replacement vehicles, which are used as cargo trucks, wreckers or tractors to help distribute heavy tactical fighting vehicles. The department also asks for 18 towable LW155 Howitzer cannons.

Helicopters are a priority. Defense Secretary Robert Gates and the Marine Corps will seek \$2.86 billion to purchase 35 copies of the V-22 Osprey, 30 toward a goal of 408 units for the Navy and Marine Corps and five "CV-22" copies toward a 50-unit fleet for special operations command.

Additionally, the budget for 30 more H-1 Huey/SuperCobras would rise 35 percent, from \$640 million to \$868 million, to buy 18 new and 12 remanufactured copies.

"There are some cutbacks," said Undersecretary of Defense Robert Hale, who is the Pentagon's comptroller and chief financial officer, including "... delaying some amphibious ship production really until we have a chance for this Quadrennial Defense Review to look at amphib capability, how much we need."

Gates carried out his promise to cut the presidential helicopter program, which officials said already cost the U.S. \$3.2 billion in "sunk costs."

The Pentagon said the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle remains in the development stage and the program would receive \$293 million next year.

But the secretary has questioned the department's need to arm itself for a major amphibious landing reminiscent of the 20th century.

The Marines budget also maintains a large construction fund at \$1.9 billion, largely to account for the ahead-of-schedule end-strength of 202,100 personnel and moving 8,000 Marines and families from Okinawa to Guam.

It includes \$378 million to build ramps, roads and wharves there.

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RAFIQ MAQBOOL/AP

A U.S. soldier with the 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division patrols May 2 in Nerkh district of Wardak province in west of Kabul, Afghanistan. The Army budget reflects a pivot toward Afghanistan, to include training Afghan forces and construction of military posts.

## Full force, fewer incentives, a pivot toward Afghanistan

By JEFF SCHOGOL  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army's proposed 2010 budget slashes re-enlistment bonuses, puts the kibosh on the vehicle component of the Future Combat Systems and calls for more military construction in Afghanistan.

The proposed \$142.1 billion in spending includes for \$444 million for re-enlistment bonuses, \$450 million for enlistment bonuses and \$77 million in retention bonuses for officers, all for the active-duty Army, officials said.

That compares with \$626 million in re-enlistment bonuses, \$549 million in enlistment bonuses and \$134 million in bonuses for officers had been slated to be spent this fiscal year, said Kathleen S. Miller, who works for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller).

The Army has already cut re-enlistment bonuses for this fiscal year because it met its authorized end-strength of 547,400 in January and is now close to 549,000, Army officials said.

The "primary reason" the Army was able to expand much faster than planned is that more soldiers are staying in the service due to the bad economy, said Col. Debra Head, of Army G-1.

"As a result, we quite frankly don't need to retain as many people as we were previously retaining," Head said in a recent interview.

Head said the Army has already made most of the cuts in re-enlistment and retention bonuses for this fiscal year, but she cautioned there could be more to come if the Army looks like it will end fiscal 2009 above its authorized end-strength.

In April, Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced he was cutting the vehicle component of the Army's Future Combat Systems despite objections from Army leadership.

Gates later told reporters that he worried FCS had not integrated lessons from Iraq and Afghanistan. For example, the initial design for the FCS vehicle called for

it to have a flat bottom low to the ground, even though the Iraq war has shown that such vehicles are vulnerable to explosions from underneath.

"It just seemed to me there was — it was necessary to stop, take a deep breath, and kind of look at this whole thing freshly, based on the experience of these two wars," Gates said April 7.

While he has recommended putting the vehicle component of FCS on hiatus, the funding would remain intact in the hope that the project could move forward again in fiscal 2011, he said April 17 at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

The Army is also calling for \$83.1 billion in "Overseas Contingency Operations Request" to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The overseas contingency funding includes \$924 million in construction for the extra U.S. troops that are headed to Afghanistan, Army officials said Thursday.

As combat operations wind down in Iraq, the U.S. Army is pivoting its combat power to Afghanistan, where about 30,000 extra U.S. troops are heading to combat the resurgent Taliban.

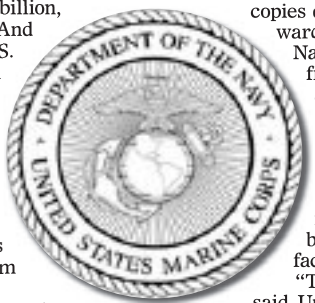
"We don't have the infrastructure in place in Afghanistan that we have developed over six to seven years in Iraq, and so there are a fair number of one-time costs that we have to incur in order to stand up the number of BCTs that are going to be [increased in] Afghanistan," said Lt. Gen. Edgar E. Stanton III, military deputy for budget.

The money would go toward construction such as troop housing, airfield operations, chow halls and fuel handling systems, said William H. Campbell, acting director of the Army Budget Office.

The Army has also asked for money to train more helicopter pilots, because the demand for helicopters is much greater in Afghanistan than Iraq, which is relatively developed, Stanton said.

"It's, as you know, very mountainous, you can't move. ... It's a very poor country, the road structure is not there," he said.

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# VA could see a 15 percent budget hike

By LEO SHANE III  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Veterans programs would see dramatic funding increases under the White House's proposed fiscal 2010 budget, including more money to focus on the health needs of recent combat veterans and mental health illnesses.

The VA will get a 15 percent increase in funds over fiscal 2009 if the president's plan is approved. In discretionary spending, the total is \$55.9 billion, an 11 percent jump from this fiscal year.

That's the largest one-year increase in veterans spending in the last 30 years, according to Rita Reed, principal deputy assistant secretary for management at the department.

In a statement, Secretary of Veterans

Affairs Eric Shinseki promised a comprehensive review of all department operations to "be sure that valuable taxpayer dollars are invested in programs that work for our veterans."

Medical services — which account for more than 60 percent of the VA discretionary budget — will see a nearly \$4 billion increase next year, a 13 percent jump.

Reed said with that officials are promising to ensure that 98 percent of primary care appointments are scheduled within 30 days of first request, and to add about

500,000 more Priority 8 veterans over the next five years to the list of people eligible for VA medical care.

The department will also boost funding for medical research focused on returning combat veterans (\$2 billion, up 29 percent), mental health issues (\$4.5 billion, up 7 percent), traumatic brain injuries (\$298 million, up 16 percent) and spinal cord injuries (\$497 million, up 9 percent).

The most dramatic increase, percentage-wise, will be in rural health initiatives. The department will set aside \$440 million to improve outreach and medical services for veterans in hard-to-reach regions, a 633 percent increase from the \$60 million spent on those projects in fiscal 2009.

Reed said new administrative funding increases will allow officials to cut processing of compensation and pension

claims to 150 days in 2010, down from 168 days in 2009.

The budget also includes about \$70 million in new funding to help link VA and Defense Department medical records.

Last month, the White House announced plans to create a lifelong electronic medical record for all servicemembers, allowing their medical history to pass seamlessly from active-duty care to the veterans health care system.

Reed said the budget proposal does not include any new discretionary funding related to administering the new GI Bill education benefits, which go into effect in August, but the department may revisit the issue for fiscal 2011 if officials see unexpected costs later this year.

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## Guantanamo dominates debate on war funding

By RICHARD LARDNER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The future of 241 terror suspects at the Guantanamo Bay military prison dominated a congressional debate on war spending Thursday, as Republicans warned that the Obama administration was preparing to release dangerous killers into American neighborhoods and Democrats accused the Republicans of fear-mongering.

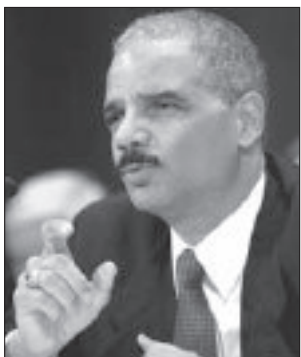
"We don't have any plans to release terrorists," Attorney General Eric Holder told a Senate hearing where he was grilled about President Barack Obama's order to shutter the prison by January 2010. "With regard to those who you would describe as terrorists, we would not bring them into this country and release them, anyone we would consider to be a terrorist."

Ultimately, Republican attempts to prevent the Guantanamo facility from being closed were defeated along party lines in the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. However, the panel refused to give Obama the \$50 million he had requested to relocate Guantanamo prisoners and it demanded a detailed plan from the White House by Oct. 1 on the future of the facility.

The Guantanamo provision is part of a \$96.7 billion measure the committee approved to pay for military and diplomatic efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan through the fall. The package is nearly \$12 billion more than Obama sought.

The spending bill would push the costs of the two wars to almost \$1 trillion since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Republicans had previously seized on Obama's pledge to close Guantanamo as a way to criticize him for being weak on serious national security issues. At Thursday's session, Rep. Todd



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Attorney General Eric Holder testifies Thursday in Washington.

Tiahrt said voting against the Republican plan would endanger U.S. citizens.

"They're not repentant sinners," Tiahrt said of the detainees. "I don't want them in my hometown."

Democratic Rep. Chet Edwards said Tiahrt and the Republicans were playing politics. The Guantanamo prison has become a "recruiting tool" for al-Qaida and other terrorist groups, Edwards said, and needs to be shuttered.

The committee also approved a compromise plan to shift to the State Department control of hundreds of millions of dollars in security and counterinsurgency aid for troubled Pakistan.

They rejected Republicans' bid to keep the fund in the Pentagon's hands.

Under the compromise, the Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund would remain with the Pentagon until September 2010. After that, the \$400 million account would be transferred to the State Department.

Republicans on the committee objected, saying President Barack Obama and senior U.S. military leaders wanted the Pakistan counterinsurgency fund to remain in the defense budget.

But Democrats argued that in Pakistan, where there is not a significant U.S. military presence, the State Department should be the agency with greater authority.

While the committee backed the Obama administration's plans to send more troops and equipment to Afghanistan, it also made clear speedy results are expected.

## Senate passes overhaul of procurement

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate unanimously approved legislation Thursday to overhaul Pentagon procurement practices in an effort to prevent billions of dollars in cost overruns and block mispending on weapons that do not meet pressing military needs.

The 93-0 vote was a rare show of unity among lawmakers, provoked partly by voter worries about deficit spending and partly by a compromise between lawmakers and Obama administration officials on some parts of the legislation.

"Our cost overruns ... are draining our defense dollars and taking them away from other needed

purposes," said Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich. "And so, on a bipartisan basis, we were able to adopt this major reform bill."

Sen. John McCain, Ariz., the committee's senior Republican, noted after the Senate vote that "this is really a situation of near-crisis proportions. ... We just cannot have the kinds of cost overruns that are associated ... with one or two exceptions, literally every new weapon system that the Department of Defense acquires."

The House version of the legislation, which is moving at a slower pace, is somewhat different. In particular, it would not place a Pentagon cost-analysis office

under a new presidentially appointed director of independent cost assessment, as the Senate bill would. The Obama administration has resisted the Senate provision, arguing that the office should remain under the control of the Defense Department's program analysis and evaluation office.

Improper cost estimating lies at the heart of many weapons procurement troubles, according to the Government Accountability Office, which has repeatedly accused defense officials and the military services of understating likely expenses when they authorize production and sign contracts for major new systems.

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## PROGRAMS ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK

### Changes sought for border security funding

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress quickly denounced an Obama administration plan to end federal payments to states and communities for jailing illegal immigrants. President Barack Obama asked Congress in his budget to end the State Alien Criminal Assistance Program. The \$400 million it received for the 2009 fiscal year could be used for border security and immigration enforcement, the administration said.

The SCAAP program reimburses states and counties for jailers' salaries for holding illegal immigrants who have at least one felony and two misdemeanors.

### Abstinence-only education may change

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama wants to eliminate spending on abstinence-only education and spend it on programs to reduce teen pregnancy that don't take an abstinence-only approach. The proposal in Obama's 2010 budget plan released Thursday could run into opposition from conservatives. Administration budget documents say Obama wants to redirect funding from "abstinence-only education programs to evidence-based and promising teen pregnancy prevention programs."

The state grant program for abstinence education that Obama wants to eliminate is getting \$38 million in 2009. He's requesting \$50 million instead to support existing teen pregnancy prevention programs and develop new ones.

### Slain officer benefits may be cut significantly

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration wants to cut almost in half a benefits program for the families of slain police and safety officers.

The president's proposed budget calls for cutting the Public Safety Officers' Death Benefits Program from \$110 million to \$60 million. The Justice Department said no one would lose benefits.

"Any family member who is eligible for benefits under this program will receive them," said Justice Department spokeswoman Melissa Schwartz.

### NYPD: Counterterrorism program taking a hit

NEW YORK — New York police officials have found some troubling fine print in President Obama's proposed budget.

The budget released Thursday proposes pulling funding in 2010 for a program that's helped the NYPD develop a system to detect and repel radiological.

The NYPD has already received more than \$53 million in Homeland Security Department grants for the effort, including \$20 million this year. It has used the money to arm officers and vehicles with radiation detectors and to recruit other law enforcement agencies to form a protective ring around the city.

From The Associated Press



# Obama touts \$17B in budget cuts

By TOM RAUM  
AND ANDREW TAYLOR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Repeatedly since taking office, President Barack Obama has said his administration was combing through the federal budget "line by line" to root out wasteful spending.

Finding it is one thing, getting Congress to sign on is another. And, by Republican accounts, he hasn't found that much anyway.

Obama sent Congress a detailed budget Thursday proposing to eliminate or trim 121 programs and save \$17 billion next year — not a trifle, for sure, but only about half of one percent of the \$3.4 trillion in federal spending for the fiscal year beginning in October.

The size of the savings clearly was a sore subject at the White House.

"It is important ... for all of you, as you're writing up these stories, to recognize that \$17 billion taken out of our discretionary, non-defense budget, as well as portions of our defense budget, are significant," Obama told reporters. "They mean something."

Still, Obama's hit list was smaller than the one President George W. Bush included in his budget last year targeting 151 programs for \$34 billion in savings.

Bush didn't have much luck in getting those cuts through the Democratic-controlled Congress. And Obama may run into some of the same difficulties.

"None of this will be easy," Obama said, facing cameras at the White House.

Even with the cuts, the White House estimates the government's red ink will still be about \$1.2 trillion, down only slightly from this year's all-time record.

Republicans scoffed that Obama's cuts were not nearly enough.

"They appear to be a diversionary tactic — an effort to change the subject away from the unprecedented debt this budget heaps on future generations," said House Republican Leader

*"I've said this before, and I'll say it again: \$17 billion is a lot of money to people in America. I understand that it might not be to some people in this town, but that's probably why we're sitting on a \$12 trillion American Express bill."*

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs



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President Barack Obama speaks on Thursday about the fiscal 2010 federal budget in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington.

John Boehner of Ohio.

If there was a theme to Obama's cuts and spending initiatives, it was to continue to provide generous increases to domestic programs that had been squeezed during the eight years of the Bush administration while reviving oft-rejected Bush-era proposals to cut programs that critics say have outlived their usefulness but still have important support on Capitol Hill.

Obama proposed:

■ Ending \$26 billion in oil and gas industry tax breaks, which he called "unjustifiable loopholes" in the tax system that other industries do not get.

■ Eliminating federal support for a \$35 million-a-year radio-based marine navigation system rendered obsolete by the satellite-based Global Positioning System.

■ Doing away with a \$142 million program to help states pay to clean up abandoned mines.

■ Abolishing an Education Department attache's post in Paris, at a savings of \$632,000 per year.

He called for a \$3 increase in per-segment air fare taxes starting in 2012, which would raise the maximum fee from \$5 to \$11 per trip as a way to finance airport security screenings.

On the spending side, Obama's new details emphasized substantial increases for his domestic priorities.

He proposed:

■ Plowing \$2 billion more into merit-based teacher pay to help failing schools turn around. He would spend \$370 million on a successor to the Reading First literacy program, a key element of Bush's No Child Left Behind law.

■ Spending an additional \$584 million for pandemic flu efforts, on top of the \$1.5 billion in emergency money for 2009 that he asked Congress for in the wake of the swine flu outbreak.

■ Increasing child nutrition programs by \$1 billion, partly to pay for a 20 percent increase in the number of food inspectors.

■ Setting up a \$1 billion program to develop or rehabilitate housing for the poor.

Obama proposed more money for the Labor Department to hire about 1,000 new employees, including 670 new investigators and other staffers to enforce safety, health, minimum wage, overtime and other laws.

The relatively modest scope of Obama's proposed cuts led to a sometimes contentious briefing with White House press secretary Robert Gibbs.

"I've said this before, and I'll say it again: \$17 billion is a lot of money to people in America. I understand that it might not be to some people in this town, but that's probably why we're sitting on a \$12 trillion American Express bill," Gibbs said, referring to the \$10.7 trillion national debt.

Fellow Democrats may well reject some of those revisions, including Obama's proposal to stop paying states and counties that keep illegal immigrants in their jails.

He also proposed doing away with Even Start, a \$66 million program to promote child literacy that the administration argues is not as effective as other early-childhood education programs like Head Start.

# Army says suicide rate down in April

By MARK ABRAMSON  
Stars and Stripes

The Army reported that its suicide numbers for April decreased in its active-duty ranks compared with last year's numbers.

There was one confirmed active-duty suicide in April and six potential suicides that are under investigation, compared with 12 suicides in April 2008, an Army press release said. This April's numbers also are down slightly from the previous month when there were three confirmed suicides and another 10 deaths under investigation.

Overall, the Army reported 35 confirmed suicides so far in 2009 while an-

other 29 deaths are being investigated as potential suicides.

There have also been 12 confirmed suicides and 15 potential suicides so far this year in the Army Reserve's non-active-duty ranks, the Army reported. During the same period in 2008, 21 non-active-duty reservists committed suicide.

Overall last year, there were 140 confirmed suicides and there are another seven probable suicides still under investigation, the Army said. That's up from 115 in 2007, and 101 in 2006.

The Army has responded by launching a five-year, \$50 million study with the National Institute of Mental Health.

Army mental health experts said they have noticed a difference in how the service is addressing suicide prevention. One of those changes is with an interactive video called "Beyond the Front."

"I found the interaction to be fantastic," said Brian Olden, deputy chief of behavioral health services for Bavarian Medical Activity at Vilseck, Germany. "It wasn't the usual kind of cheesy Army video and everyone falls asleep. I think it has been very effective."

The Army is also addressing suicides with a program called the Army Campaign Plan for Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention, focusing on

boosting the mental, spiritual and physical health of soldiers and their families. That campaign is being headed by the Army vice chief of staff, Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli.

"I am personally briefed on every suicide that occurs in the Army," Chiarelli said in the release. "This ensures that we stay focused on this issue at the highest levels of the Army leadership and that we are able to identify the underlying causes that lead to tragedies."

"The Army has learned that we need to help our soldiers get better," Olden said.

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## Contractor avoids jail after killing Afghan who burned teammate

By JEFF SCHOGOL  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — An Army contractor who pleaded guilty to shooting an Afghan man, who set one of his teammates on fire, will not go to prison.

Don Michael Ayala was sentenced to five years of probation and a fine Friday in federal court. Ayala had faced up to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to manslaughter.

Federal Judge Claude M. Hilton found that the attack on Ayala's teammate "did provide provocation and would have provided provocation for anyone who was there at the time."

Hilton also cited Ayala's military record and the fact that the incident occurred in a hostile area as mitigating factors in the case.

On Nov. 4, 2008, Ayala was working for an Army Human Terrain Team about 50 miles west of Kandahar when Paula Loyd was attacked by an Afghan man named Abdul Salam, who lit a container of flammable liquid and threw it on her.

Loyd suffered severe burns over most of her body.

She died on Jan. 7 at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Ayala helped subdue Salam. When he learned how badly Loyd was burned, he shot Salam in the head, even though Salam was technically a prisoner at the time.

The families of Ayala and Loyd, the woman who was set on fire, wept when the verdict was read.

"This is one of the happier days in my life," said Loyd's mother, Patricia Ward. "I didn't need any



Don Ayala, left, is pictured in this undated photo with Paula Loyd. Ayala avoided jail for the revenge killing of a handcuffed Afghan detainee who had doused Loyd with gasoline and set her on fire.

more sad days."

Jack Heany, the uncle of Ayala's girlfriend, said he was also pleased with the verdict.

"Being a former soldier, I can understand," said Heany, who said he served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

Ayala deferred comment to his attorney, who was not immediately available.

Mike Rich, of the U.S. Attorney's Office, argued that Ayala should be sentenced to prison to send a message to anyone who might be influenced by the case.

"While his actions are understandable, they are not excusable," Rich said.

"Defendant Ayala simply knew better."

But Ayala's attorney, Michael Nachmanoff, called Salam's attack on Loyd a "terrorist act" and said Ayala and his team-

mates did not know at the time whether Salam might be a suicide bomber.

Nachmanoff said Ayala acted out of more than just anger. Rather, he said, it was a culmination of factors that led him to shoot Salam including years of stress from being in combat zones and the realization of the pain and suffering that Loyd would endure.

He successfully argued that Ayala had already had been punished enough after spending three weeks in solitary confinement in Afghanistan and now being unable to work as a security contractor.

"The idea that a further message has to be sent by further incapacitating Mr. Ayala is simply unwarranted [and] unjustified," he said.

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### Max Thunder exercise held at Kunsan Air Base

More than 65 aircraft and 200 airmen are participating in the U.S.-South Korean Max Thunder exercise at Kunsan Air Base this week.

The joint exercise tests war-fighting skills in realistic combat situations, and provides training for airmen from both countries who will eventually participate in the U.S. Red Flag exercises in Nevada and Alaska, according to a news release from Kunsan.

Aircraft in the exercise include U.S. F-16s and F-15Cs and South Korean KF-16s, F-15Ks, F-4Es, RF-4Cs and F-5s. U.S. airmen stationed in South Korea, Japan and Okinawa are participating.

The exercise began May 7 and ends Friday.

### Atsugi to host Polynesian festival

Naval Air Facility Atsugi is hosting a Polynesian Friendship Festival from noon to 5 p.m. May 23 at the Friendship Patio, between the Officers Club and Skymasters Club.

The festival is open to all SOFA-status personnel and their guests. It will feature the Ma'Ohai Nui Polynesian Dancers, and a Hawaiian buffet will be served.

The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and younger.

The event observes Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Call DSN 264-4670 for more information.

### Camp Zama to hold photo contest

The Camp Zama Community Club is calling for entries in its wild animal photography contest.

The competition is open to anyone who has access to the base, and photos must be submitted in print to the club by May 31.

Entrants can submit more than one photo but must number them in order from best to worst. The photos will be exhibited at the community club and voted on by visitors June 10-21.

Plaques and certificates will be awarded to the top three vote-getters during Zama's Fourth of July celebration.

Call DSN 263-4412 for more information.

### Navy spouse gets drug sentence suspended

NAHA, Okinawa — A Navy spouse who pleaded guilty last month to smuggling pot into Japan was sentenced by a Japanese court Friday to 18 months in a prison, suspended for three years.

Gregory W. Hartman, 31, the husband of a Navy lieutenant, nodded his head silently as Naha District Court Judge Toru Miyao delivered the sentence.

During a previous hearing last month, Hartman admitted he made an arrangement with a friend to mail about a half ounce of marijuana in a container of peanut butter to his off-base home in Kin, near Camp Hansen.

A package containing the marijuana arrived at Kansai International Airport on Jan. 7 and was detected the next day by customs officials at the airport.

The judge said he suspended the sentence because Hartman had no previous criminal record and showed remorse.

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# Japan-based soldiers watch for camels and contraband

By **BYRCE S. DUBEE**  
Stars and Stripes

Not many daily commutes in the U.S. military involve dodging herds of camels, but for the 20 members of the 623rd Movement Control Team, it's just part of deployed life in Kuwait.

The soldiers departed Sagami Depot, Japan, in August and are serving a one-year deployment at Khabari Alawazem Crossing — or K-Crossing — along the Kuwait-Iraq border. The 623rd is the first U.S. Army unit to deploy from Japan to Southwest Asia, Capt. Joseph Batiste, the unit's commander, told Stars and Stripes when the soldiers deployed.

K-Crossing is a Kuwaiti installation through which all U.S. military-related traffic must pass on the way to and from Iraq. The soldiers from the 623rd work with a civilian team to track convoys, check paperwork and work with Kuwaiti customs officials to keep traffic moving smoothly.

They also give convoy commanders information about potential threats and road conditions that might await them in Iraq.

"We do a lot of liaison work with the Kuwaitis," 1st Lt. Matthew Ferry said in a phone interview Thursday.

Kuwaiti customs officials are on the lookout for banned items like alcohol and pornography, Ferry said.

"We had a driver try to sneak in 60 bottles of Johnnie Walker Red," said Sgt. Abdoul Fakih, the noncommissioned officer in charge of regulating southbound traffic, who said such instances aren't uncommon. A fifth of whiskey can sell for about \$200 in Kuwait, Ferry said.

"We weren't expecting to be put in such a civil-affairs mission," Ferry said. "It's been a very pleasant surprise getting to work with the Kuwaitis so closely."

That mission has created good working relationships and friendships, he said, adding that the 623rd soldiers have the option to eat daily with the Kuwaiti soldiers.

"They are great hosts," he said, describing the traditional lunch with their allies as "huge plates of lamb with mountains of rice."

Sharing meals is a way of gaining *wasta*, or influence, among the Kuwaitis, which helps in getting things done later back at the checkpoint, Ferry said.

"I have a little bit of *wasta*," he said.

If a convoy headed into Iraq is ready



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**Camels take over one side of the road that soldiers of the the 623rd Movement Control Team must travel daily on their hour-long commute from Camp Buehring to Khabari Alawazem Crossing in Kuwait. While no soldiers from the unit have been hurt along the road, several contractors and truck drivers have been killed or injured on the remote yet congested highway.**



**From left, 1st Lt. Matthew Ferry, a mobility officer with the 623rd Movement Control Team, Capt. Joseph Batiste, the 623rd's commander, and an unidentified soldier enjoy a traditional Kuwaiti lunch at K-Crossing on the Kuwait-Iraq border.**

to go but is being held up by a paperwork issue, using a little *wasta* might smooth over the situation and allow the trucks to move on while a form is being fixed, he said.

"Life here is not bad, at times dull and repetitive," Spc. Jeffrey Grigg said in an e-mail to Stripes.

But while life at K-Crossing is relatively hassle-free, there's an element of danger that the 623rd soldiers face every day — the commute.

The soldiers live at Camp Buehring, a U.S. Army base in the Kuwaiti desert

about an hour from K-Crossing, and they must navigate an hourlong drive each day.

Ferry said the 623rd soldiers know they are fortunate to be stationed away from hostile fire and enemy attacks but that Kuwaiti roads present plenty of their own threats.

"A lot of us could tell of close calls we have had with driving here in Kuwait," Staff Sgt. Jamelia Fritz said in an e-mail. "Most of the drivers are inexperienced or careless, and the camels just plain take over the road. Most, if not all of us, have

experienced being run off the roads by oncoming convoys or camels."

Fakih said that just the other day, while driving up to the border, he ended up on the side of the road after avoiding two sets of oncoming headlights taking up both lanes of the highway.

While none of the soldiers have been hurt, several contractors and truck drivers have been killed or injured on the highway in the time the 623rd soldiers have been in Kuwait, Ferry said.

The hardest part for many of the soldiers is being away from home.

"I must say that spending holidays away from my family was the worst thus far," Staff Sgt. Vince Webber said.

For Fakih, missing the holiday season wasn't nearly as hard as being away from his pregnant wife.

Fortunately, Fakih said, he was able to make it home for his two weeks of mid-deployment leave just three days before his wife gave birth to their second daughter.

"It's been hard for her, basically being a single mother," he said.

Of course, Fakih added, he's eager to get back home.

But in the meantime, he and the rest of the team will keep moving convoys across the border and looking out for camels when they drive.

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# Odierno sees years of insurgency in Iraq

By JEFF SCHOGOL  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The insurgency in Iraq will last for years after U.S. troops leave, the top U.S. general in Iraq said Friday.

"It's not going to end, OK. There will always be some sort of a low-level insurgency in Iraq for the next five, 10, 15 years," said Gen. Raymond Odierno. "The issue is, what is the level of that insurgency and can the Iraqis handle it with their own forces and with their government."

While there is still an insurgency, it can be hard to tell the difference between insurgents and criminals, Odierno said during a news conference.



Odierno

"It's getting harder and harder to lump them into groups, because what you have is you have people who just conduct things for money," he said.

Combat operations in Iraq are slated to end in 2010, after which a force of between 35,000 and 50,000 U.S. troops will remain, Odierno

said. All U.S. troops are slated to leave Iraq by the end of 2011 under a security agreement between the two countries.

Overall, security trends in Iraq are posi-

tive, but a string of suicide bombings in the past few weeks show that the situation remains fragile, Odierno said.

The Iraqis still need to reach solutions on a number of hot-button issues.

"These are political issues that have to be resolved and continue to be resolved in Iraq, and as long as they keep working toward these — and we believe they are — we think that then the level of security will continue to improve and we think that by the end of 2011 they will be able to handle it themselves," Odierno said.

Most U.S. troops are expected to leave Iraqi cities after June 30, although it has yet to be decided whether they will remain in the volatile city of Mosul.

Some U.S. troops will remain in Iraqi

cities beyond the end of June as liaisons to Joint Security Stations and as embedded advisory transition teams, Odierno said. He wouldn't put an exact figure of how many troops that might be.

"I would say it's probably 20 percent of what it is now," he said.

Also Friday, Odierno said the name "Multi-National Force-Iraq" is likely to change after the British pull out of Iraq this summer, leaving only a few hundred coalition partners.

When asked if the new name would be U.S. Forces-Iraq, Odierno replied, "Probably. But again, that's not been approved yet."

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## Thousands of Pakistanis flee Swat Valley

The Associated Press

MINGORA, Pakistan — Pakistani jets screamed over a Taliban-controlled town Friday and bombed suspected militant positions as hundreds of thousands fled in terror and other trapped residents appealed for a pause in the fighting so they could escape.

A half a million people have either already left the Swat Valley and nearby districts or want to leave but can't because of the military offensives and bombing against militants, Pakistani officials and the U.N. say, bringing the number of people likely to be displaced due to anti-militant offensives across Pakistan's volatile northwest region to 1 million.

Tens of thousands of people remain trapped in Mingora. Some have said the Taliban are not allowing them to leave, perhaps because they want to use them as human shields and make the army unwilling to use force.

"We want to leave the city, but we cannot go out because of the fighting," said one resident, Hidayat Ullah. "We will be killed, our children will be killed, our women will be killed and these Taliban will escape."

"Kill terrorists, but don't harm us," he pleaded.

Pakistan has launched at least a dozen operations in the region near the Afghan border in recent years, but most ended inconclusively and after widespread destruction and significant civilian deaths. The mountainous region remains a haven for al-Qaida and Taliban militants, foreign governments say.

To end one of those protracted offensives, the government signed a peace accord in Swat that provided for Islamic law there. But it began unraveling last month when Swat Taliban fighters moved into Buner, a neighboring district just 60 miles from Islamabad.

Following strong U.S. pressure, the Pakistani government launched its latest offensive, and the prime minister appealed for international assistance for the growing refugee crisis and vowed to defeat the militants.

Asking for Pakistanis to support the government and the army, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani pledged Thursday night to "eliminate the elements who have destroyed the peace and calm of the nation and wanted to take Pakistan hostage at

gunpoint."

The military hailed signs of the public's mood shifting against the Taliban.

"The public have seen their real face," Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said. "They realize their agenda goes much beyond Shariah (Islamic) courts. They have a design to expand."

Still, the pro-Western government will face a stiff task to keep a skeptical nation behind its security forces.

The mayor of Mardan, the main district to the south of the fighting, said an estimated 250,000 people had fled in recent days and that more were on the move.

An army spokesman said Friday 140 militants had been killed in the last 24 hours.



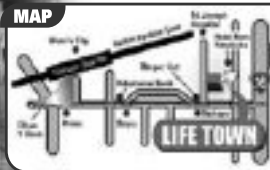
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Children line up to receive hot tea at a refugee camp near Mardan, Pakistan, on Friday. Thousands of residents are fleeing fighting between the army and Taliban militants in the Swat Valley.



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# U.S.: Death toll is exaggerated

## Military denies 147 Afghan civilians killed in fighting

By FISNIK ABRASHI  
The Associated Press

KABUL — The U.S. military said Friday that reports of as many as 147 civilians killed in fighting involving American forces and the Taliban were “extremely over-exaggerated” and investigators were still analyzing the data collected at the site.

In the south, meanwhile, four NATO soldiers and 21 civilians died in a string of insurgent attacks, and an unmanned U.S. drone crashed in central Ghazni province.

Officials said preliminary findings of the joint U.S.-Afghan investigation into the deaths in the villages of Ganjabad and Gerani in the western Farah province could be released as early as Friday, but they have yet to schedule an announcement.

Reports of the large number of civilian deaths come at an awkward time for the Obama administration, as the U.S. steps up its

military campaign here while emphasizing the importance of nonmilitary efforts to stabilize the country.

While past reports of civilian deaths at the hands of international forces drew an immediate outcry from President Hamid Karzai's administration, this time the response was muted. The most vehement reaction came from lawmakers, who demanded an agreement regulating the operations of foreign troops.

A local official said that he collected from residents the names of 147 people killed during fighting on Monday night and Tuesday. If true, it would be the deadliest case of civilian casualties in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the Taliban regime.

But the U.S. military described that toll from the fighting as over the top.

“The investigators and the folks on the ground think that those numbers are extremely over-ex-



JASON REED/AP

**Secretary of Defense Robert Gates speaks to U.S. troops during his Friday visit to Forward Operating Base Airborne in Wardak province, Afghanistan.**

aggerated,” U.S. military spokeswoman Capt. Elizabeth Mathias said. “We are definitely nowhere near those estimates.”

Mathias said she could not yet provide estimates of how many people were killed because the team has yet to produce its findings.

Afghan residents say the destruction was from aerial bombing. U.S. officials have suggested

that at least some of the deaths were caused by insurgents, whom the military accuses of using civilians as human shields when fighting with its forces.

In a video obtained Friday by Associated Press Television News, villagers are seen wrapping the mangled bodies of some of the victims in blankets and cloths and lining them up on the dusty ground.

In one shot, two children are lifted from a blanket with another adult already in it. The children's faces are blackened, and parts of their tunics are soaked in what appears to be coagulated blood.

Their limp bodies are then put on the ground, wrapped in another cloth and put next to the other bodies. It was not clear how many bodies were in the room where the video was shot.

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A Stanford student looks at employment brochures on display at the career center at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., on Thursday. The pace of layoffs slowed in April, with employers cutting 539,000 jobs, the fewest in six months.

# Pace of layoffs slows, but jobless rate reaches 8.9%

By JEANNINE AVERSA  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The pace of layoffs slowed in April when employers cut 539,000 jobs, the fewest in six months. But the unemployment rate climbed to 8.9 percent, the highest since late 1983, as many businesses remain wary of hiring given all the economic uncertainties.

The Labor Department tally released Friday wasn't nearly as deep as the 620,000 job cuts that economists were expecting, and was helped by a burst of federal government hiring of temporary workers to prepare for the 2010 Census. The rise in the unemployment rate from 8.5 percent in March matched economists' forecasts.

"Although we have a long way to go before we can put this recession behind us, the gears of our economic engine do seem to be slowly turning once again," President Barack Obama said Friday hours after the employment report was released.

On Wall Street, the employment news gave stocks a lift. The Dow Jones industrials finished the day up nearly 165 points.

"There are glimmers of hope. We are moving in the right direction in terms of layoffs. They are measurably less bad than what we've been through," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

Still, companies will remain cautious in hiring, making it harder for laid-off workers to find new jobs.

The total number of unemployed now stands at 13.7 million, up from 13.2 million in March.

Companies also kept a tight rein on workers' hours. The average workweek in April stayed at 33.2 hours, matching the record low set in March.

As the recession eats into sales and profits, companies have turned to layoffs and other cost-cutting measures to survive the storm. Those include holding workers' hours and freezing or cutting pay.

Job losses in February and March turned out to be deeper, according to revised figures. Employers cut 681,000 positions in February, 30,000 more than previously reported. They cut 699,000 jobs in March, more than the 663,000 first reported.

The deepest job cuts of the recession — 741,000 — came in January. That was the most since fall 1949.

Employers last month cut the fewest jobs since 380,000 in October. Nonetheless, the April job losses were widespread.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

John Englar of Boston searches for a job on the Internet at the JobNet career center in Boston on Thursday. Englar, who trained as a big-rig semi truck driver, used free Internet service during his search.

Construction companies axed 110,000 jobs, down from 135,000 in March. Factories got rid of 149,000 jobs, down from 167,000 the month before. Retailers cut payrolls by nearly 47,000, less than the nearly 64,000 cut in March. Job losses in financial activities dropped by 40,000, down from 43,000 in the previous month.

The slower pace of job losses — along with 66,000 more federal jobs — helped to temper the overall payroll reductions in April. The pickup in federal employment was mainly due to the hiring of 63,000 temporary Census workers.

Obama asked states and colleges to help jobless people pursue education and training without losing their unemployment benefits, which typically happens when they enroll in school.

## Bank stress test results promising

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government exams of the biggest U.S. banks have helped lift a cloud of uncertainty that has hung over the economy.

The so-called stress tests — a key Obama administration effort to boost confidence in the financial system — showed nine of the 19 biggest banks have enough capital to withstand a deeper recession. Ten must raise a total of \$75 billion in new capital to withstand possible future losses.

"The publication of the stress tests simply cleared the air of uncertainty," said Allen Sinai, chief global economist at Decision Economics. "The results were not scary at all."

He said it will take a long time for the banks to resume normal lending. But the test results didn't alter his prediction that the economy is headed for a recovery in October or November.

The stress tests have been criticized as a confidence-building exercise whose relatively rosy outcome was inevitable. But the information, which leaked out all week, was enough to cheer investors. They pushed bank stocks higher Wednesday, and rallied again in after-hours trading late Thursday once the results had been released.

Among the 10 banks that need to raise more capital, Bank of America Corp. needs by far the most — \$33.9 billion. Wells Fargo & Co. needs \$13.7 billion, GMAC LLC \$11.5 billion, Citigroup \$5.5 billion and Morgan Stanley \$1.8 billion.

The five other firms found to need more of a capital cushion are all regional banks — Regions Financial Corp. of Birmingham, Alabama; SunTrust Banks of Atlanta; KeyCorp of Cleveland; Fifth Third Bancorp of Cincinnati; and PNC Financial Services Group of Pittsburgh.

The banks will have until June 8 to develop a plan and have it approved by their regulators. If they can't raise the money on their own, the government said it's prepared to dip further into its bailout fund.

The government hopes the stress tests will restore investors' confidence that not all banks are weak, and that even those that are can be strengthened. They have said none of the banks will be allowed to fail.

## Stress test questions

NEW YORK — Here are some questions you might have about how the stress tests might affect your banking experience.

**Is there any reason I should switch banks if mine was determined to need more capital?**

The stress test results don't have any bearing on ordinary deposit accounts, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

One possibility to consider is that your bank could sell off one of its units. Even if that happened, the accounts with the unit would remain FDIC-insured.

**What if I'm looking to open a savings account, CD or money market account? Will the best rates come from the healthier banks, or the less healthy ones?**

In theory, a bank could raise cash by offering more competitive interest rates and attracting greater deposits. But the boost wouldn't be big or fast enough to meet the demands of the stress tests.

One area where customers might get a break is with loans. Banks deemed healthy will likely be able to get lower interest rates on wholesale loans and pass them down to consumers.

**Let's say the stress test determined my bank needs to raise a lot of capital. Should I brace myself for interest rate increases on my credit card?**

It's very possible, but banks have been slashing credit limits and raising interest rates on credit cards for the past several months.

**If I'm an investor, what will happen to my stock?**

Banks might raise capital by converting private preferred stock to common stock. If you hold any common stock in the bank, that could dilute the value of your shares and dividends. If you're a holder of a preferred stock, you shouldn't see any change.

— The Associated Press

## Supreme Court justice denies Demjanjuk appeal

WASHINGTON — John Demjanjuk, who allegedly aided in the murder of 29,000 Jews at a German-run death camp in Poland, was denied an emergency appeal by a Supreme Court justice Thursday, all but clearing the way for him to be sent to Germany to stand trial for war crimes.

Justice John Paul Stevens denied Demjanjuk's appeal.

Demjanjuk was a Ukrainian-born Soviet soldier who was captured by the Germans during World War II and then allegedly volunteered to work in the Sobibor death camp.

Lawyers for Demjanjuk argued the chronically ill 89-year-old retired auto worker would suffer "severe pain and suffering," akin to torture, if he were put on airplane and flown to Munich, Germany.

From The Associated Press



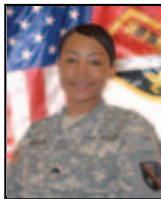
# Mother's Day Tributes

**Kaye Dronette**

Hi, Mom. Happy Mother's Day. Love you.

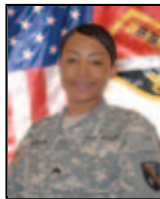
**SSG Stacey Wells**

Baghdad, Iraq

**Connie Offord**

I am so blessed that you are my mother! Your love and guidance has shaped me into the person I am today! I love you very much and I'll be home very soon!! Your daughter,  
**SGT Natasha Offord-Green**

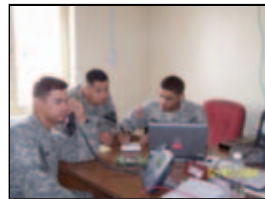
Camp Liberty, Iraq

**Tranell Green**

I just wanted to take the time on this very special day to thank you for always being there for me! Wishing you a very happy Mother's Day. Love you!

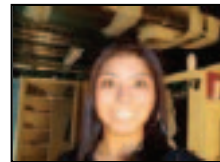
**Natasha Green**

Camp Liberty, Iraq

**Erica M. Johnson**

Even though I am busy at work, you are always on my mind. I just want to say that you are the best wife and mother that anyone could ever wish for. "If I had one wish, Girl ..." I LOVE YOU. Happy Mother's Day, my love. Forever yours,  
**Irwin Johnson**

Iraq

**Veronica De La O**

Happy Mother's Day, Mami! Thank you for your love. Jimenna  
**Jimenna Esquivel**

Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

**Mamela**

Happy Mother's Day! You're the best mother anyone could have -- always loving, caring, supportive and everything, even though you would not approve. Love you, Mommy, and hope you're watching us from heaven!  
**Rubi Ruiz**

Ft. Irwin, CA

**SGT Naomi Christy**

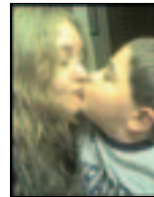
Happy Mother's Day, my wife. I love you wherever I may be. You're a beautiful wife and a wonderful mother. I hope your day will be joyful. I miss you and I love you.  
**Bryan Christy**

Camp Zama, Japan

**Kristen**

Kristen, thank you for being the BEST wife and mother year-round!!! Kyra and I love you more than anything and hope we can make this day special for you, since you do the same for us day after day. Love you, Kenneth and Kyra  
**Kenneth and Kyra Griffin**

Yokota AB, Japan

**My Mom Jeannie**

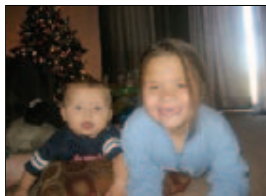
Mommy, thanks for being so cool and doing what you do. I promise to never grow too old for a kiss and hug. I love you.  
**Hunter**

Florida

**Edna Elling**

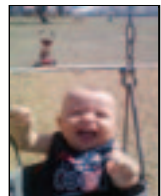
Mom, thank you for putting up with all of us kids. Have a great Mother's Day. Love, Eddie  
**Edward Elling Jr.**

Olean, NY

**Janice Chopyak**

Happy Mother's Day, Mom. Thank you for all the love and support you have given me all my life. I hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day, and I love you with all my heart. Love, Nicole and TJ  
**Nicole Taplin**

Ft. Hood, TX

**Stephanie Russ**

Happy Mother's Day, Steph/Mom. Hope you have a wonderful one. You are an inspiration to me and to everyone. TJ loves you and so do we. Love, Tyler, TJ and Nicole  
**Nicole Taplin**

Ft. Hood, TX

**Christy**

Happy Mother's Day, Mom!!!! I wish I could be there with you, but know that you are the best mom ever and I thank you for guiding me into the direction to be the person that I am today. You are my rock, Mom, and you rock! I love you. xoxoxo  
**Francheska**

Ft. Carson, CO

**Mary Raymond**

There are no words to say how much I love you, Mom. You and our family of nine kids have brought joy to this world. You did a great job in bringing us up the right way. Love always, your son, Terry  
**Terrance L. Mason**

Daegu, South Korea

**Mindy Lynn Smith**

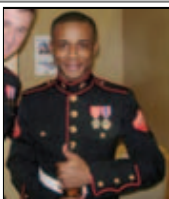
Happy Mother's Day, Mommy! Daddy and I love you so very much! Mommy, you make our family whole and we couldn't do it without you. I love you, Mommy.  
**Tyler Avery Smith**

Okinawa, Japan

**Andrea Lewis**

Happy Mother's Day, dear love. You are such a wonderful mom to Mikey and we hope you enjoy your day. Mikey and I are so glad to have you in our lives. We love you so very much!  
**Michael Lewis**

Yokota AB, Japan

**Norma Jean Donelson**

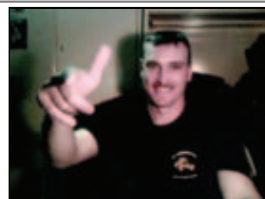
Mom, words cannot truly express my deepest gratitude and respect for you, and how proud I am to be your son. Your love and caring has personally shaped me into the young man that I am. Mom, I want to say that I truly love you deep down in my heart. Bye!!  
**Billy A. Smith**

Okinawa, Japan

**Raye Ellen**

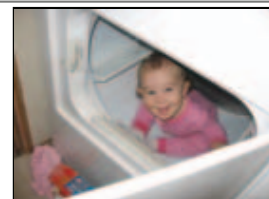
We love you, Momma. Hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day! You are always with us and we hope that we are with you!!  
**Fred and Jordan Hasenbuhler**

Camp Lejeune, NC

**Sandra Eary**

Mom, I love you so much. You have done so much for me and you are the best. Your loving son, Gordon  
**Gordon Eary**

Kuwait

**Rachael Ditzler**

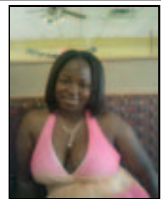
OK, Cadence, let's get those wrinkles out. Well let's take you out of the suit first. Two children with one more on the way, plus being able to put up with these crazy drop and ship deployments we do. I LOVE YOU!  
**Jason Ditzler**

USA

**Thelma Naranjo**

Happy Mother's Day. We love you with all our hearts. The Naranjo Family  
**Joe Naranjo**

Alameda, CA

**Melody Stafford**

For a very special someone on a very special day. Happy Mother's Day, Ma.  
**Adrienne Stafford**

Orlando, FL

**Dolores Boscana**

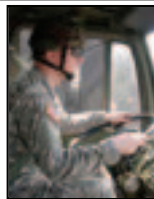
Happy Mother's Day. Thanks for all your love and support. Your daughter,  
**Deborah Collins**

Ft. Bragg, NC

**Elizabeth Vega**

Dear Mommy, my memory was hazy 14 years ago. However, I have known you all my life. 255 characters cannot express all my feelings toward you, but I can fit this: Happy Mother's Day! I will always love you. Your son,  
**Ericsson Vega**

California

**Carolyn Ann Present**

Happy Mother's Day, Mom. This will be my last year in Korea, so I promise to be home for the next one! Love, Josh  
**SGT Joshua Blake Present**

Seoul, Republic of Korea



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**LaShanda Ford**

Hey, Mommy! Just wanted to wish you a happy Mother's Day. Through all of the crying and the fighting, you were always there. We are the luckiest kids in the world. Thank you for being the best mom in the world. We love you! Kayla, Kaitlyn and Kaden Ford

**Kayla, Kaitlyn and Kaden**

Okinawa, Japan

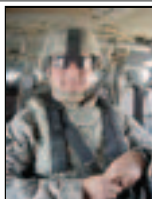


**Susan Cuthbert**

We love you very much, Ma, and hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day, although we're not there to celebrate with you (or cook). Don't party too hard or too late. \*sigh\* Archie doesn't want you to party at all. Love ya, Ma! Have fun! Be good. :P

**Archie and Felicia Cuthbert**

Chinhae, Korea



**Betsy Frassel**

I love you, Mom. Thanks for being there, loving and supporting me every step of the way. I couldn't have done this without you. Happy Mother's Day to the BEST mom in the world!

**Kevin Frassel**

Minnesota



**Melder Wilder**

Happy Mother's Day, Mom! We love and miss you! Thank you for all your love and support. We hope to see you soon. Love, Carlos, Angie and Destiny Wilder

**Carlos Wilder**

Urbandale, IA



**Sharron Wiggins**

Mom, happy Mother's Day! You are a wonderful mother and grandmother. You set a great example. Thanks for the love and support you have shared with us. We love and appreciate every moment that we spend with you. Thanks for being you!

**LaToya Williams**

Jonesboro, AR



**Sandra Brown**

God's creation of you has been a blessing, being an ex in life and never confessing. Guiding me through, providing knowledge and wisdom, knowing your love will last until Kingdom. Thank you for being you. Happy Mother's Day today and all year through.

**SGT Tomekia Brown**

Atlanta, GA



**Eva Holmes**

Nana, through my dad's 20-some-odd years of service, my husband's two tours to Iraq and all of our frequently far-away duty stations, you and you alone have been the one person who never made excuses why you couldn't come. I adore and love you forever.

**Constance Williams**

Aberdeen, PA

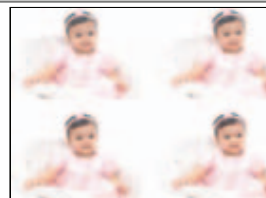


**Savita Boutot**

Happy Mother's Day! You are a special mom and the best mom in the whole world. Love, Alissa

**Jeffrey Boutot**

Murfreesboro, TN

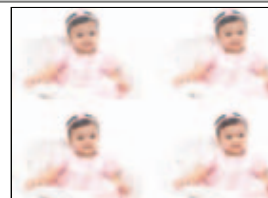


**Ramrattee Sookram**

Happy Mother's Day! You are the best mom in the world! Love, Sebastian

**Savita Boutot**

Murfreesboro, TN



**Ramrattee Sookram**

Happy Mother's Day! You are the best mom in the world! Love, Jeff, Savita and Alissa

**Savita Boutot**

Murfreesboro, TN

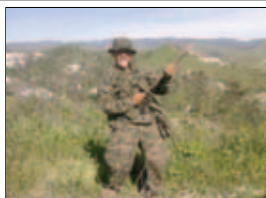


**Mrs. Evelyn Gregory**

Happy Mother's Day to the world's best mom! Thanks for all the years of love and pain that you went through to make me the person I am today. I know that it was not easy, but you had faith in me and what I would become. I love you, Mom!

**Matthew Gregory**

Philadelphia, PA



**Myrna Martinez**

Happy Mother's Day, Mom! I'll be home soon! Can't wait to see you! Tell Jack and Clyde I said hi!

**Raymond Heredia**

Okinawa, Japan



**Raquel**

Mom, have a great Mother's Day. Love you very much. Your son

**Emilio**

Okinawa, Japan



**Lynn Claxton**

As a child, I didn't understand how much of yourself you devoted to me. But now I do, and I thank you for your love, strength and guidance. You did so much to help me become the man I am today, and I love you for it. Your son, Matthew

**The Claxton Family**

Yokota Air Base, Japan



**Luanne Kooiman-Kauer**

When the going gets tough, the tough call their mummies. Thanks for always being there, Mom. Happy Mother's Day! Love, Jessica

**Claxton Family**

Yokota Air Base, Japan



**Irma Garcia**

Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for everything. We love you always!

**Yasmin Garcia**

Yokosuka, Japan



**Socorro Noriega**

Happy Mother's Day!

**Erik Noriega**

Mosul, Iraq



**Ingrid A. Nelson**

Thank you for always being there for me and being my rock. You are a wonderful wife and great mother. We have a beautiful son who loves you very much, just like his daddy. Happy Mother's Day, Baby! I love you.

**Rex Nelson**

Okinawa, Japan



**Song**

Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I love you very much, and I hope your special day is nice!

**TSGT Robert Alford**

International Zone, Iraq



**Queen E. Evans**

To Queen E. Evans, the world's greatest mother and wife! We love you. Ron, Jasmine and Gabriel

**Ron Evans**

Pyongtaek, Korea



**Laura Wells**

Mom, you are the best! You have taught us so much and been so nice to us. We love you!!! Erin, Megan and John

**David Wells**

Okinawa, Japan

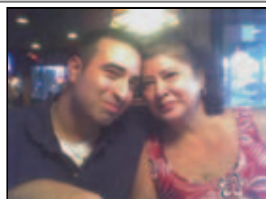


**Connie Thomas**

Stephanie, Natalie and I want you to have a very happy Mother's Day. We love you very much.

**Hallie Thomas**

Okinawa, Japan



**Connie D. Herrera**

Mom, I know there are times it might seem I am too busy to show my love and appreciation for you. No matter what, I am always thinking of you and the way you take care of me. I love you with all my heart and so do your grandkids, so happy Mom's Day!

**Ricardo Herrera**

Atsugi, Japan



**Colleen Bourgeois**

Cookie, we may not say it enough, but thanks for all you do. All the hard work you do makes everything we do that much easier. Wherever the Navy sends us next, we will have a great time since we always have such a great time together. Love, your 3 kids

**Paul Bourgeois**

Yokosuka, Japan



**Vicki Alderman**

Mommy, you are the best mom ever! I thank God every day for blessing me with such a caring and loving mother like you. I am so blessed to have you, and I love you so much. Thank you for all that you do for me. Happy Mother's Day! Love always, Azza Poo

**Azza Alderman**

Yokosuka, Japan



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**Chong Register**  
Dear Mommy, we love you so much. I think we can't live without you! Ethan and I will try our best in school and make you proud! Happy Mother's Day. WE LOVE YOU! Erin, Ethan and Dad  
**Erin Register, Osan, Korea**

**Stacey Norris**  
Mom, we hope you have a great Mother's Day. We'll try to make it the best day. We know we are not perfect kids, but we'll try. With your help, we will be the best that we can. We know that you don't get paid, but we'll give you our love. We love you. JJJJ  
**Mark Norris, Seoul, South Korea**

**Zeporah Dasher**  
Dearest Mom, I really appreciate your love and understanding throughout the years. Thank you so much for being patient with me and equipping me with the tools to be successful. Happy Mother's Day. Love, Jaide and Henry :)  
**Jaide, Yokosuka, Japan**

**Sheila Morgan**  
We love you and you are the best grandma ever. Happy Mother's Day.  
**Ravonna and Tatyanna Bailey, Grafenwoehr, Germany**

**Sharon Reese**  
We love you, Mom, and think you are the best. Happy Mother's Day! PS -- Get us a dog.

**Ravonna and Tatyanna Bailey, Grafenwoehr, Germany**

**Dawn Allen**  
You're the best mom ever! Happy Mother's Day. I love you tons, Mom. I can't wait to see you again. Love, Travis  
**Travis Young, Afghanistan**

**Mom**  
Mother, thank you for all that you have done and for putting up with me for the 19 years that I have been with you. I just wanted you to know that I appreciate everything that you have done. I love you. Happy Mother's Day. Your eldest son  
**Brandon Armour, Osan, Korea**

**Lisa Stevenson**  
Mom, thanks for taking such good care of us. We love you very much. You are a great cook, a wonderful teacher, a fun playmate and the best mommy in the whole world! We love you sooooo much! Love, Sarah and Ryan. PS. -- XXXOXOXO (belly punch)  
**Ryan and Sarah Stevenson Osan AB, ROK**

**Nanay Odette**  
Nanay, happy Mother's Day! I appreciate everything you've done for us. God bless you!  
**Rey, Iraq**

**Loudres L. Paulino**  
Happy Mom's Day!! Thank you for all the love and support. Your son, Gus  
**Augusto L.G. Paulino Jr., Guam**

**Lily Moeller**  
Dear Lily, we are so thankful you are Hunter's mom and do such a great job with him. We miss you and can't wait until you return to the States. Love, Mom and Dad Moeller  
**Doris Moeller, Dallas, TX**

**Cheree Day**  
A happy Mother's Day to a wonderful mother! And even though you are half-way around the world, I do hope that today is as special for you as all of the special years you have given me. Love, Brian  
**Brian Williams, Everett, WA**

**Judy Anderson**  
Mom, I wish I could be there with you on this Mother's Day, but you know that cannot happen. So, instead of being there this year with you, I would like the whole world to know who is the best mother in the world. You are! I love you, Mom. Your son, Gary  
**SGT Gary Anderson, Bagram, Afghanistan**

**Fannie Chester**  
Just wanted to wish you a happy Mother's Day.  
**Derrick Bryant, Iraq**

**Felicia Bryant**  
Happy Mother's Day to my sweetheart and my best friend.  
**Derrick Bryant, Iraq**

**Mavis Mack**  
Just wanted to say thank you for being such a wonderful mother. You are truly a No. 1 mom. Happy Mother's Day to my loving mother.  
**Derrick Bryant, Iraq**

**Jessica Lin**  
Dear Mom, you are very important to me and I care about you a lot. You help me in homework, or at least try. You deserve Mother's Day to exist.  
**Joshua Lin, Yokosuka, Japan**

**Mary Payne**  
Mom, thank you for your support through the years. I know it was hard because of my profession. I love you.  
**Jerry Smith, Baumholder, Germany**

**Danielle Seiler**  
To the most wonderful mom to a beautiful little girl, Lena! You take such loving care to make sure Lena knows how much she is loved by you and her daddy, even as he is so far away. Take a breath and enjoy your Mother's Day! M&D Nelson  
**Regina Nelson, Ft. Eustis, VA**

**Jennifer**  
Jennifer, I just wanted to say along with James and McKenzie that you are the best wife and mom anyone could have ever asked for. We love you!!!!  
**Craig Ashton, Phoenix, AZ**

**Lee Edwards**  
God gives the best to us all. I truly got the best in a mother. Happy Mother's Day, Momough! Much Love, Marie, Brandon and Amaya  
**Stella Akindayomi, Ft. Hood, TX**

**Elen Donaire**  
Happy Mother's Day, Mom. Thank you for always being there for us. We love you with all of our hearts. Our life would be empty without you. Hope you have a great Mother's Day. Love you, Mom. Phamela and Neal  
**Neal W. Fleisher, Daegu, Korea**

**Deborah and Juliet Henderson**  
I would like to give a shout-out to my mother and say thank you for letting me live. I love you and miss you. I would like to shout out to my wife who has loved and supported me these past eight years of military life. I love you, and happy Mother's Day.  
**SPC Bryan C. Henderson, Jalalabad Afghanistan**

**Minnie S. Green**  
Mami, you make me complete. I am grateful to have you as my wife and the mother of my children. I love you for the woman that you are, and each day I fall more in love with you. Thanks for all that you do. Much love. The only one,  
**Keith Green, Ft. Jackson, SC**

**Cathy Johnson**  
Mom, I don't say it nearly enough, but thank you for all you do. Your help and love have gotten me through a lot and I can't imagine where I would be if you weren't there for me. I hope you have a fantastic Mother's Day and enjoy what we have planned.  
**Holly C. Torsch, Milford, MI**

**Rosemary Troxel**  
Hi, Mom. I just wanted to send you a special thank you for all the love and support during these last 17 years! You (and Dad) have been a terrific source of support and inspiration, and I have appreciated it very much. Happy Mother's Day! Love, your son  
**Leonard Troxel, Okinawa, Japan**

**Betty Ray**  
Mom, you have always been there for me through all of my ups and downs. I hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day! You are the greatest!! Love you, Chris  
**Chris Ray, Yokosuka, Japan**

**Patricia**  
Happy Mother's Day!! We love you very much. Come home soon.  
**Brian, Kailua, HI**

**Dorothy Drafts**  
Thank you for molding me into the person that I am today. I don't know who or what I would have become without you. I love you, Mama -- always, forever, family first!!! Mookie  
**Rosalind Dale, Port Saint Lucie, FL**

**Juanita Thomas**  
Mom, thanks for all your prayers and support. Thanks for all the good decisions you made over the years. Thanks for giving me the freedom to learn and read. Even when I was not quite on target, thanks for encouraging me through it all. Love, your son  
**CDR Robert J. Thomas, San Diego, CA**

**Kim Turner**  
Happy Mother's Day, Babe! Love you and miss you. Alexis  
**Alexis Turner, Kadena, Japan**

**Traci**  
Just want to let you know how much we all love you and how you're such a wonderful mother to us and a beautiful, lovely wife. We love you. Happy Mother's Day. Love, Robert, Stasia, Levi and Jet  
**Robert Kneisley, Ft. Stewart, GA**

**Ileana Martir**  
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**Grace Budd**  
Ma, hope this day finds you happy, well, and knowing that I love and miss you. Happy Mother's Day. Out here, love, BDB/CWO3  
**Barry, Balad, Iraq**

**Marie-Janine Osse**

Thank you very much, grandmother Nanine, for all the things you do for me. Happy Mother's Day. I love you very much.  
**SPC Emanuela C. Smith, Camp Liberty, Iraq**

**Elen Donaire**  
I just want to take the time to wish you a happy Mother-in-Law's Day, Mom. I have been blessed with you and Phamela, and I can only say thank you. Hope you have a great Mother's Day and hope you get the chance to enjoy it. Hope to see you soon! Love you!  
**Neal W. Fleisher, Daegu, Korea**

**Becky Rodriguez**  
Grandma, I love you so much. You are the best grandma and mother ever. Wishing you the best Mother's Day ever.  
**Vanessa Lavelle, Ft. Hood, TX**

**Seth Boemmels**  
Seth, on Mother's Day I am sending you a message to tell you how proud I am to be your mom. You are always in my heart. Love, Mom  
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**Nancy Cruz**  
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**Linda Batrez**  
I just wanted to wish you a happy Mother's Day. Thanks for all you've done and do for your favorite son. Love you, Mom.  
**Luis Batrez, Camp Baharia**

**Annilie Kelley**  
Hope you have a happy Mother's Day. We all love you so much. I love you, Mommie. XOXO, kisses and hugs from Bri  
**Bri, Decaturville, TN**

**Teresa, Stacy and Sarah**  
I want to wish my mom Teresa a happy Mother's Day! She is best mother and my best friend in the world. Thank you for everything you have done for me and supporting me through the years. I don't know what I would do without you!! I love you!  
**Lisa Bankston, Camp Carroll, Korea**

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**Guillaume Meyer, Camp Walker, Korea**

**Marie Meyer**  
Happy Mother's Day and have a beautiful day. From Myielle and Gilly  
**Guillaume Meyer, Camp Walker, Korea**

**Beckie Bartel**

Happy Mother's Day! I hope that every day is like Mother's Day for you and that this year is very special for you. I could never thank you enough for all the love and support you give me every day. I love you very much and can't wait to talk to you soon.  
**Thomas A. Bartel, Bagdad, Iraq**

**Lynda E. Joseph**

Happy Mother's Day!!! I love you very much and can't thank you enough for everything you do for me. Hope that this year's Mother's Day is especially great for you. Love you very much and hope to talk to you soon!!! Love, Adam  
**Thomas A. Bartel, Bagdad, Iraq**

**SGT Nikolai N. Pettigrew**  
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**Moshena Harris, Atlanta, GA**

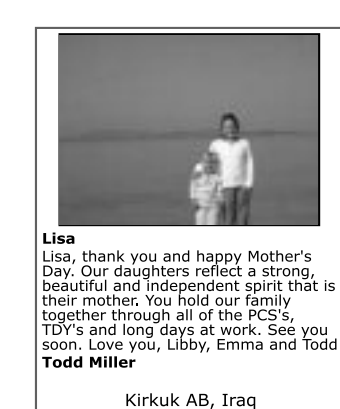
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Mom, I love you more than words can say. I just want to wish you a happy Mother's Day. Mom, you are the most wonderful mom anyone could have. You've been there for me through the bad times and the good times. I want to say thanks, Mom. Love always, Neal  
**Neal Fleisher, Daegu, Korea**

**Rebecca Diamondson**  
Happy Mother's Day, Sweetheart. I'm sorry I'm not there to be with you, but I will next year. I love you, Beck. Love, Me  
**Mike Diamondson, Southern Afghanistan**

**EZ**  
Umma, happy Mother's Day!! Thank you for everything. xoxo  
**Go Yang Ee, Osan Airbase**

**Il La Purdy**  
Thanks for being a GREAT Mom! Luvya!  
**Cathy, Camp Humphreys, Korea**

**Heather Orr**  
Once a year, thoughts turn to mothers who spend every day thinking of everyone else. You wipe tears, noses and bottoms. You are constantly cleaning, cooking and doing laundry; today will probably be no different. I love you and appreciate all you do!  
**SGT Daniel Orr, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait**



**Lisa**  
Lisa, thank you and happy Mother's Day. Our daughters reflect a strong, beautiful and independent spirit that is their mother. You hold our family together through all of the PCS's, TDY's and long days at work. See you soon. Love you, Libby, Emma and Todd  
**Todd Miller**  
Kirkuk AB, Iraq

**Cindi Hedrick**  
Cindi, Dad and I just wanted to tell you how proud we are of you. Thank you for being a good Marine wife and a great mom to our grandchildren. Your friendship and empathy for others goes a long way toward helping those around you. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Mom  
**Janie Porter, Refugio, TX**

**Momma Bamberger**  
Happy Momma's Day, Momma!! Know that I love you and miss you so much!! I am so grateful to have you as my Momma!! I hate that we are so far away from each other, but hopefully soon I'll be closer.:)  
**Keri McMillen, Killeen, TX**

**My Beloved Mother, Melva**  
To my hero, my role model, a source of inspiration in my rough times, and one of the toughest Leathernecks ever produced by the United States Marine Corps. To the only person I ever wanted to be like. Happy Mother's Day. I love you, Mom.  
**SPC Geronimo Dudley, COP Nepsa, Iraq**

**Angela Pittman**  
Hey, girl. I know how hard you work to take care of your three girls while your hubs is away, defending our freedom. You are such a loving and caring mother to your beautiful children! Hope you get some relaxing time this Mother's Day! You deserve it! <3  
**Kelsey Stevens, Indiana**

**Jessie Schnitz**  
Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for staying strong and taking care of our boys. I love you.  
**Rick Schnitz, --**

**Myong North**  
Dear Mom, without your incredible love and support, I could not be the strong, independent woman I am today. You have guided me and protected me through life's lessons, and I am wiser for it. You have always been my role model. Happy Mother's Day!  
**CPT Linda North, Baghdad, Iraq**

**Robertha Hill Sharper**  
Happy Mother's Day, Momma, and thanks for everything that you did and will do for me. I love you with all my heart. Love, Vernice  
**Vernice Marcum, Grafenwoehr, Germany**

**Susan Kurtenbach**  
Mom, thanks for all the great and goofy packages/letters you continue to send. They mean a lot, even if I'm not all that talkative about them, or at all. This is going to have to do as your present as I've rolled it into your birthday. Love, Jason XOX  
**Jason Kurtenbach, 3d Med Bn 3d MGL Charlie Co.**

**Carol Sue Cain**  
Carol Sue, here's wishing you a very happy Mother's Day! Thank you for being the kids' second mom when work and duty calls/called. You're the best! Love, PeggyAnn  
**MAJ PeggyAnn Cain, Yokota AB, Japan**

**Lisa McCan**  
Happy Mother's Day from me and the girls. I miss you and will be home soon. Hugs and kisses from Iraq. You're the best mother I know. Keep up the good work. I will be home soon to give you the Mother's Day break you deserve. From your loving husband  
**Krider McCan, Iraq**

**Pati Jeffries**  
Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I love you so much. Thank you for all you do for me and Nathan. We really appreciate everything you do for us. You are the best mother in this world. We would be lost without you. I hope you have a wonderful day. Miss you so much!  
**April, Kuwait**

**Delberta Williams**  
Mom, I just want you to know I appreciate everything you have done for me and I love you very much. I won't be able to make it home this year, but hopefully I will be there for you next year. Love you very much, Mom. Love, Vickie  
**Vickie Martin, Okinawa, Japan**

**JoAnn Hale**  
From your daughter and son-in-law, thank you for everything, especially your support. We love you.  
**Jonni and Bill, Ft. McCoy, WI**

**Chewmin Ching**  
Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for the two beautiful girls you gave me. I love you. Gary  
**Gary Ching, Yokosuka, Japan**

# Winds fan devastating California wildfire

By RAQUEL MARIA DILLON  
The Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Firefighters struggled Friday to get ahead of a raging wildfire that was moving dangerously close to heavily populated areas in this idyllic coastal city and had forced the evacuation of an estimated 30,000 residents.

Neighborhoods of multimillion-dollar mansions stood like ghost towns, bathed in the eerie orange glow cast by the nearby blaze.

Santa Barbara County spokeswoman Jodi Dyck said Friday morning that the fire had grown since the night before, when it measured roughly 4 square miles. She did not have an updated estimate of the fire's size or burned acreage.

"It really got going during the night. Some areas have 45-year fuel. The wind is all over the place," city fire Capt. Mike De Pont said. "For this time of year this activity is unusual."

Roughly 12,000 more residents have been ordered to leave their homes, including those living in a densely populated area north of U.S. 101 that's home to several mobile home parks. An estimated 18,000 were ordered to leave.

A second evacuation shelter was opened Thursday to accommodate 900 additional evacuees. All 190 beds were filled at the first shelter at a high school.

The blaze was approaching homes in



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

**A helicopter prepares to drop water over Rattlesnake Canyon near Santa Barbara, Calif., on Thursday. The Jesusita Fire was not considered a major threat until winds spread the flames on Wednesday.**

the city's more populated, flat area below its steep canyons. Santa Barbara city fire spokesman Gary Pitney said flames jumped a road dividing the hilly terrain from the flatlands below and ignited spot

fires in brush surrounding houses.

Pitney said the fire also pushed west across state Route 134, the key thoroughfare between Santa Barbara and wine country.

Kelley Gouette, a deputy incident commander with the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, likened the fire to "a blowtorch."

Santa Barbara County Fire Chief Tom Franklin said the blaze was particularly tough to fight as it spread into rugged terrain with thick brush that served as fuel and limited firefighting aircraft.

Firefighters are "running pretty thin on equipment," he said.

Officials said 11 firefighters were injured, including three who were burned when they sheltered in a house during a firestorm. They were reported in good condition at a Los Angeles burn center but two will need skin grafts and surgery. Other injuries ranged from smoke inhalation to sprained ankles.

About 2,300 firefighters from many departments were on the lines, aided by aircraft. The fire was just 10 percent contained.

The benignly named Jesusita Fire was a slumbering day-old brush fire on rugged slopes above the city when a sundowner — fierce winds that late in the day sweep down from the Santa Ynez Mountains — hit at midafternoon Wednesday, hurling towering flames into homes and spitting embers into more distant neighborhoods.

In November, a wind-driven fire burned 200 houses in Santa Barbara and Montecito.

## Ex-cop charged in death of third wife

The Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — Drew Peterson was in court Friday facing allegations he drowned his third wife in a bathtub.

Sheriff's deputies escorted the former police sergeant into court Friday to answer first-degree murder charges in the 2004 death of Kathleen Savio. He's also a suspect in the 2007 disappearance of his fourth wife, Stacy. He's denied wrongdoing.

Wearing a red jail jumpsuit, the 55-year-old Peterson was brought in handcuffed and shackled around the legs. He told reporters he was getting "three squares a day" and joked about his "spiffy outfit" and his "bling."

Months of investigation culminated in Peterson's arrest shortly after he drove away from his Bolingbrook home Thursday evening. He is being held on \$20 million bond.

"We are very confident in our case," Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow said.

Savio's body was found with her hair soaked in blood from a head wound, just before the couple's divorce settlement was finalized. Her death originally was ruled an accidental drowning but authorities later said it was a homicide staged to look like an accident.

The indictment alleges that "Peterson on or about Feb. 29, 2004 ... caused Kathleen Savio to inhale fluid," causing her death.

Savio's family has long voiced suspicions, saying she feared Peterson and told relatives if she died it would not be an accident.



Peterson

Glasgow said Thursday that the case against Peterson would include evidence that might previously have been inadmissible. Last year, state lawmakers passed legislation that allows a judge to admit hearsay evidence in first-degree murder cases if prosecutors can prove the defendant killed a witness to prevent them from testifying.

Savio filed an order of protection against Peterson in 2002 and in it she wrote that she feared Peterson could kill her.

Defense attorney Andrew Aboud said one of Peterson's sons with Savio has "provided a lock-tight alibi" for his father, who faces up to 60 years in prison if convicted.

## College slaying suspect turns self in

The Associated Press

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Police responding to the fatal shooting of a Wesleyan University student found a journal with an entry saying "I think it okay to kill Jews and go on a killing spree" and "Kill Johanna. She must Die," according to an arrest warrant released Friday.

Stephen P. Morgan, 29, was arrested Thursday after seeing his photo in a newspaper and asking a convenience store clerk to call police. Officers found him standing outside the store, 10 miles from the bookstore where Johanna Jus-

tin-Jinich was gunned down by a man wearing a wig Wednesday.

Police said they found the journal, which has no name on it, inside the bookstore. The composition book also had an entry dated May 6 at 11 a.m. that mentioned seeing all of the beautiful and smart people at Wesleyan.

Defense attorney Dick Brown said Morgan would plead not guilty. "He denies any effort to target the Wesleyan campus or anyone else," Brown said.

Morgan's father identified his son as the man seen in bookstore surveillance photos and told investigators his son was a loner who

kept a journal and was known to make anti-Semitic comments, according to the warrant.

Justin-Jinich, of Timnath, Colo., came from a Jewish family, and her grandmother was a Holocaust survivor.

Authorities in New York said Morgan and Justin-Jinich had known each other since at least 2007, when Justin-Jinich filed a harassment complaint against him while they were enrolled in a summer class at New York University. In the complaint filed in July of that year, Justin-Jinich said Morgan called her repeatedly and sent her insulting e-mails.

## White House aide resigns over flight

WASHINGTON — A White House aide has lost his job for his role in Air Force One's photo-opportunity flyover over New York City.

A White House official says Obama has accepted the resignation of military office director Louis Caldera. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity in discussing Caldera's departure ahead of a full report on the flight.

Caldera, a former Army secretary, took responsibility for the Air Force flyover that sparked panic in New York on April 27. The White House conducted a review, set to be released Friday, of the flight near the Statue of Liberty.

## NASA to undergo major review

WASHINGTON — The White House has ordered an outside review of NASA's manned space program, including plans to return astronauts to the moon.

Officials want a report from an independent panel by August. White House science adviser John Holdren said Thursday that the new panel will look at the design of new spacecraft to replace the space shuttle and go to the moon, as well as consider possible alternatives to the current design.

NASA has already spent \$6.9 billion on its plan to return to the moon; it spends about \$300 million a month developing the Ares and Orion rocket programs. Its proposed budget is \$18.7 billion for 2010.

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## IN THE WORLD

A South Korean marine soldier watches North Korean territory through binoculars during a military exercise against possible North Korea's attack at Baekryong Island, about 140 miles west of the mainland on Friday. President Barack Obama's top envoy for North Korea warned there would be "consequences" if the regime pushes ahead with a threatened atomic test.

AP



## Escaped terrorist caught in Malaysia

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — A militant leader suspected of a Sept. 11-style plot to crash a hijacked plane has been arrested in Malaysia, more than a year after his escape from a high-security jail in Singapore, officials said Friday.

The suspected commander of the Singapore arm of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah, Mas Selamat Kastari escaped from jail on Feb. 27, 2008, by wriggling out a bathroom window in a security breach that sparked a manhunt.

Mas Selamat was arrested in Malaysia's southern Johor state bordering Singapore, said Walter Chia, a spokesman for the Singapore embassy.

Singapore's StraitsTimes newspaper said on its Web site said he was captured April 1 in a joint operation involving the security agencies of both countries, citing unidentified regional intelligence officials.

From The Associated Press

# U.S. to N. Korea: No atomic testing

By JAE-SOON CHANG  
The Associated Press

SEOUL — President Barack Obama's top envoy for North Korea warned of "consequences" if the regime pushes ahead with a threatened atomic test and urged Pyongyang to instead return to dialogue with Washington.

Stephen Bosworth arrived in Seoul from Beijing just hours after North Korea accused the Obama administration of harboring a hostile policy toward Pyongyang, saying it would expand its nuclear arsenal in response.

"Nothing would be expected from the U.S., which remains unchanged in its hostility toward its dialogue partner," North Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried Friday by state media. The North "will bolster its nuclear deterrent as it has already clarified."

Bosworth urged North Korea — which shocked the world by conducting a nuclear test in 2006 — not to carry out another atomic test, as the communist regime has threatened to do.

"If the North Koreans decide to carry out a second nuclear test, we will deal with consequences of that. And there will be consequences," Bosworth said. "But we can't control at this stage what North Korea does."

However, Bosworth said Washington is ready and willing to hold

direct talks with Pyongyang.

"We would not interpret our policy as being hostile. ... President Obama has stressed on numerous occasions that the door to dialogue remains open," he said.

Obama has said he would be willing to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il if it helps denuclearization. Bosworth also

offered direct talks between U.S. and North Korean envoys.

Analyst Paik Hak-soon at the Sejong Institute think tank said the North is trying to force Washington into higher-level direct talks in an attempt to reach a grand give-and-take deal.

South Korea's Chosun Ilbo newspaper recently reported

"brisk" activity has been detected at North Korea's nuclear test site, citing an unnamed South Korean government source. The report could not be confirmed.

Pyongyang is believed to have enough plutonium to make at least a half-dozen atomic bombs, but not the technology required to fit a nuclear warhead on a long-range missile.

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# In Jordan, pope expresses 'deep respect' for Islam

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON  
The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Pope Benedict XVI expressed deep respect for Islam Friday and said he hopes the Catholic Church can play a role in Mideast peace as he began his first trip to the region, where he hopes to improve frayed ties with Muslims.

The pope was met at the airport by Jordan's King Abdullah II and praised the moderate Arab country as a leader in efforts to promote peace in the region and dialogue between Christians and Muslims.

The pope rankled many in the Muslim world with a 2006 speech in which he quoted a Medieval text that characterized some of the Prophet Muhammad's teachings as "evil and inhuman," particularly "his command to spread by the sword the faith."

The pope has already said he was "deeply sorry" over the reaction to his speech and that the passage he quoted did not reflect

his own opinion.

"My visit to Jordan gives me a welcome opportunity to speak of my deep respect for the Muslim community, and to pay tribute to the leadership shown by his majesty the king in promoting a better understanding of the virtues proclaimed by Islam," Benedict said shortly after landing in Amman.

But his past comments continue to fuel criticism by some Muslims.

Jordan's hard-line Muslim Brotherhood said Friday before the pope arrived that its members would boycott his visit because he did not issue a public apology ahead of time as they demanded.

Brotherhood spokesman Jamil Abu-Bakr said the absence of a public apology meant "obstacles and boundaries will remain and will overshadow any possible understanding between the pope and the Muslim world."

Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi said the Vatican has made all possible clarifications.



## Hong Kong lifts quarantine

Some 280 guests and employees wait to be released from the Metropark Hotel in Hong Kong where they were held for a week. Officials on Friday lifted a quarantine on the hotel where a Mexican swine flu patient stayed. Some critics say the quarantine was a politically calculated overreaction, but the Hong Kong government — wary of repeating the fallout of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, which killed 299 people here in 2003 — has defended the measure as necessary to contain the virus.

KIN CHEUNG/AP

# Mexico disinfecting itself, inching toward normalcy

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's emergence from a national shutdown hit snags as some high schools were not cleaned in time to open and students returned to class in others without swine flu checkups. Cases of the virus popped up in two more Latin America countries.

Despite the hitches, Mexico pressed ahead with its return to normal life as workers disinfected day care centers and kindergartens in preparation for their reopening on Monday. Authorities were to pass out antiseptic hand gel to all of the capital's 5,000 schools on Friday.

Finance Secretary Agustin Carstens announced that Mexico's economy is in a recession and could contract by 4.1 percent this year because of the swine flu and a decline in exports to the U.S.

A report by the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention said America's two swine flu deaths — a toddler and a pregnant woman who both died in Texas — each suffered from several other illnesses when they were infected with the virus.

In Geneva, the World Health Organization said based on past outbreaks, it is possible that a third of the world's population, or about 2 billion people, could become infected if this outbreak turns into a two-year pandemic. Independent experts agreed that the estimate was possible but pointed out that many would not show any symptoms.

"If we do move into a pandemic, then our expectation is that we will see a large number of people infected worldwide," WHO flu chief Keiji Fukuda said Thursday. "If you look at past pandemics, it would be a reasonable estimate to say perhaps a third of the world's population would get infected with this virus."



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## Reality TV dad of eight says he didn't cheat

**R**eality TV star Jon Gosselin has denied cheating on wife Kate. But he said he's sorry for creating that impression. "These allegations are false and just plain hurtful," Gosselin said Wednesday, insisting: "I did not cheat on Kate."

Gosselin was speaking out against tabloid reports that he's had an affair with a Pennsylvania schoolteacher. Photos of Gosselin and the woman have surfaced in recent weeks.

The 32-year-old Gosselin did acknowledge spending time with friends of both sexes, including the woman with whom he's rumored to be cheating.

"I need to be more careful and aware of who I am associating with and where I am spending my time," said Gosselin, who apologized for putting his family "in this awkward position."

The Pennsylvania couple, along with their eight children, star on the TLC reality show "Jon & Kate Plus 8," a project that has brought them fame but also put them under a microscope. Cameras follow the family as they face the challenges of their large family.

Kate Gosselin, who has been promoting her latest book, "Eight Little Faces: A Mom's Journey," has cut back on press amid the allegations.

The series, which premieres its fifth season state-side May 25, remains in production, according to TLC spokeswoman Laurie Goldberg.

## Brown's lawyer wants records

Chris Brown's attorney is seeking police records to try to find out who leaked information about the alleged beating of Rihanna.

Attorney Mark Geragos filed a motion Wednesday in Los Angeles, seeking police personnel and investigative records.

Geragos wrote that he wants the documents to see

if he can discredit or attack the credibility of police witnesses during a preliminary hearing in early June. Geragos wrote that if the files contain evidence of police misconduct, they may form a basis for the case against the R&B singer to be dismissed.



TMZ

**Chris Brown's lawyer wants to know who leaked this photo of Rihanna to the Web site TMZ.**

He added that it was seen by "hundreds of thousands of viewers" and remains on TMZ.

## Hanks hits the dirt in Japan

Hollywood star Tom Hanks was in a league of his own Friday when he threw out the ceremonial first pitch at a Japanese professional baseball game.

Hanks, who was in Tokyo with director Ron Howard to promote "Angels & Demons," took a few warm up pitches in the bullpen before heading out to the mound to throw out the first pitch at a game between the Yomiuri Giants and the Chunichi Dragons at Tokyo Dome.

With Howard behind the plate and Yomiuri infielder Hayato Sakamoto in the batter's box, Hanks threw a pitch that bounced several feet in front of home plate before skidding past a diving Howard.

"Tons of practice and I bounced it in the dirt. I'm humiliated," Hanks said. "I went from the rush of being in the sacred spot to the humiliation of being mortal."

"Angels & Demons," a prequel of "The Da Vinci Code," will be shown around the world from May 15.

— The Associated Press

## Quick hits from Wireless Flash

## Sexiest and scariest screen moms

Angelina Jolie is both one of the sexiest and scariest moms in contemporary cinema.

In honor of Mother's Day, Fandango.com — the nation's leading movieticketing destination — has conducted a poll to find the 10 sexiest and scariest mothers in modern movies, and Jolie's motherly character in "Beowulf" has been hailed the sexiest screen mom.

Coincidentally, 7 percent of movie buffs also think the "Beowulf" mommy is one of the scariest moms in contemporary films.

Other sexy mamas include Julia Roberts in "Erin Brockovich," Beyonce Knowles in "Obsessed," Diane Lane in "Unfaithful," Jennifer Aniston in "Marley & Me," and Halle Berry in "Monster's Ball."

With 27 percent of votes, the scariest screen mom is Faye Dunaway in "Mommie Dearest," followed by Jane Fonda in "Monster-In-Law."



Universal Pictures

**Julia Roberts in "Erin Brockovich": Maternal, sexy.**



Paramount Pictures

**Angelina Jolie sent mixed vibes as Grendel's mother in "Beowulf."**



AP file photo

## Square tight squeeze for Dom DeLuise

Late comedian Dom DeLuise never quite fit into the Hollywood mold.

DeLuise — who died May 4 at age 75 — was known for being larger than life, which made his frequent appearances on Hollywood Squares quite challenging.

In 2002, DeLuise told FlashNews that the hardest part of being on the game show was fitting into the actual squares, which were so small he admitted, "You have to wiggle your way up!"

DeLuise revealed that the celebrity sitting in the center square "can't stand up" because the space is so tiny, but still looked at the bright side of the gig, which included "lots of cold water and nice people who help write jokes for you."

## New Spock speaks



Paramount Pictures

## Quinto honored to step into pointy-eared 'Trek' role

**Z**achary Quinto was the first star of the new "Star Trek" movie to get cast — he plays Spock as a young Starfleet officer. We spoke with him by phone.

**Was it an advantage having Leonard Nimoy on set?**

It was incredible. I felt like it was my responsibility to define this character and bring him to life in my own regard. And Leonard gave me real freedom to do that. Getting to know him and considering him a friend was one of the biggest honors in the whole experience for me.

**Did the Vulcan salute come naturally?**

I worked on it a bit. I actually would rubber-band my pinkie and my ring fingers together. I would have to do exercises to make sure those fingers operated independent of my (index) finger and my middle finger. It probably took a couple of months.

**Winona Ryder plays Spock's mother. Was it strange having someone so young playing your mom?**

She's, like, six years older than me or something. ... In the original screenplay, Amanda is seen giving birth to Spock, and in the movie you just see her when she's older. She did some amazing work.

**With all the effects, did you have any idea what the movie would look like while you were shooting?**

I had no idea, man. I thought (visual-effects supervisor) Roger Guyett and Industrial Light & Magic did phenomenal work. Once I saw the movie, it was, like, five times bigger than I was imagining it to be. It goes to show that we as the actors are just one small part of the collaboration necessary for something this big to come together and look as good as it looks.

— Peter Hartlaub/San Francisco Chronicle



AP

**Zachary Quinto says Winona Ryder "did some amazing work" when she played his mother on "Star Trek."**

# Walter Scott's Personality PARADE®

**Q** I hear there's a new Mike Tyson documentary. Why should we care about a prizefighter who threw it all away? — Joe Smith, Queens, N.Y.

**A** Because it just might make us reconsider him. "Tyson's" writer and director, James Toback, offers an intriguing object lesson: "Some people have talent and manage it well. Madonna has absolutely squeezed out every drop of her potential. Mike is probably the total opposite. He never failed to achieve the most he possibly could — and then never failed to destroy it. Mike wouldn't understand someone like Madonna, who discovers what works and does just that and nothing else."

**Q** I miss the Lindsay Lohan of "Freaky Friday" and "Mean Girls." How can she regain Hollywood's trust? — S. Park, Los Angeles

**A** She needs to find the right movie and then be on set, ultra-prepared, on time, every day. Mark Waters, who directed Lohan in those two hits, worries that she "has always been more interested in the celebrity that comes from being a star as opposed to the work itself — even though she's really, really good at acting." But, Waters stresses, "If Lindsay comes around to thinking, 'I'm going to refocus,' she'll eventually come back. She's got the talent."



**AP** If once-precocious actress Lindsay Lohan is to attempt a comeback, she'd better develop a good work ethic.



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**Boxer Mike Tyson could learn a thing or two from entertainer Madonna about maximizing talent.**

**Q** I read that Jeff Bridges will play the guitar in his new film, "Crazy Heart." Can he really play? — Bill Jackson, Fort Worth, Texas

**A** Definitely — you can hear him on his 2000 folk-rock CD, "Be Here Soon." To prepare for his film role as a country singer, he worked eight hours a day with an old friend, guitarist Stephen Bruton. "I've known him for 30 years," Bridges tells us. "The guy's a remarkable talent. I learned to play a lot better, that's for sure."

**Q** Does Adam Richman, who gorges himself as host of the Travel Channel's "Man v. Food," ever check his cholesterol? — S. Paul, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

**A** Yes. "I'm a neurotic guy from Brooklyn, so I'm a bit obsessed with my health," Richman tells us. While he's seeking out ideal places to indulge in great dishes across the U.S., he works out twice a day and takes a "mini-pharmacy" of vitamins and supplements.



ABC

**We'll have to take "Dancing With the Stars" contestant Melissa Rycroft's word on what that tattoo is. (Dancing partner Tony Danza also pictured)**

**Q** I heard Mel Gibson was going to star as an ATF agent in "Under and Alone." What's the movie's status? — Merwin Sands, Waldorf, Md.

**A** Sources close to Gibson tell us that the project — the true story of an agent who infiltrated the Mongols motorcycle gang — is still in development. He'll produce, but whether he'll play the lead remains to be seen. At present, divorce is probably uppermost in Gibson's mind.

**Q** How is Robin Williams recovering from his recent open-heart surgery? — Dwayne Wilder, Denison, Texas

**A** Williams came through his March operation with flying colors. "I got some great new material for my tour and can't wait to get back on the road," he jokes. "I'm thinking the next leg of the tour will be called 'Weapons of Self-Destruction and Reconstruction!'"

**Q** I haven't heard about Debbie Reynolds recently. Has she finally gone into retirement? — Gail Lebowitz, Atlanta



St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**Debbie Reynolds, 77, isn't yet ready for retirement.**

**A** Far from it. "I tour three weeks a month with my nightclub act or symphony dates," the spry 77-year-old says. "And soon I hope to realize a dream I've been working toward for 40 years — a museum to house my huge collection of 4,000 Hollywood costumes, including Marilyn Monroe's billowy dress from 'The Seven Year Itch.'" Check out some of the actress' favorite memories of Hollywood at [Parade.com/Reynolds](http://Parade.com/Reynolds)

**Q** What's the tattoo that "Bachelor" reject turned "Dancing With the Stars" darling Melissa Rycroft has on her lower back? — T. Diaz, Miami

**A** "It's two interlocking hearts with the words 'True Love,'" Rycroft says. "Given my luck with love, maybe it should say 'Sucker.'" Find out what some former Bachelors are up to at [Parade.com/bachelor](http://Parade.com/bachelor)

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# Sunday Horoscope

It's something that all humans have in common — a mother. This Mother's Day falls under an adventurous Sagittarian moon. The old standards of flowers and brunch will still play; although, to give a really effective gift to your mother, challenge yourself to think beyond who your mother is to you, and consider the woman she is in the world.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(MAY 10).** Life is juicy for you this year, ripe for the taking. This month, respond to the calm voice of your heart and take action to improve your love life. Loved ones meet you halfway. Family makes you proud in June and they'll be proud of you when you are honored in September. Career aims are met in July. A fun purchase brightens winter. Leo and Libra adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Normally, you might try to get others together for some fun, but you have something you need to do today that you must do alone. So enjoy the solitude. You'll be powerfully focused on your mission.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** With visitors, you are considerate, gracious and hospitable, even with the ones you hardly know. You don't require people to prove themselves to you and because of this you attract the cream of the crop.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Life brings you quirky pleasures. You will play with abstract concepts, enjoy offbeat humor and the company of eccentric friends. These unusual experiences are your treasures.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** There are so many people doing well around you, but you can rest assured — you do measure up! And you'll perform even better when you stop wasting energy on comparisons.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Getting more organized will be a must. You don't realize what you have right now. But as soon as you start to sort, file, stack and toss, you'll realize what your resources are and what you can

do with them.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Instead of avoiding the situation you feel so fearful of, you jump right in. You figure that if you can't conquer this fear, you can at least stop it from conquering you. What a story you'll have to tell at the end of the day.

## Holiday Mathis



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You've known since you were a tot that things usually take longer than you think they will. Events will not go as scheduled, but you will still enjoy yourself because you really didn't expect them to in the first place.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** It's the complexities of an arrangement that make it fascinating. Though part of you longs for a simpler circumstance, you know deep down that this strange situation is keeping you sharp. So welcome problems!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You want to be impressed, not merely content. You want to meet someone with whom you are utterly taken by, not necessarily in a romantic way either. For now, strive to have this effect on others.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You will move according to your own timeline. Any person who tries to rush you along or slow you down won't have much luck. You sense what's best for you and that's exactly what you'll do.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You've been trying to get through to someone to no avail. This person just doesn't seem to understand your message. Take a break from the language of logic and start talking from the heart. Your emotions read through.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You appreciate someone whose way of operating in the world is very different from your own. You learn by watching this person. Experiencing this variation of style helps you understand yourself better.

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# Couple smothered by friends seeking steady double dates

**Dear Abby:** My boyfriend, "Clay," and I recently met another couple, "Doreen" and "Bob," who let us know they're interested in socializing together. I like the concept of double-dating. It has a different social dynamic than hanging out with Clay's or my single friends.

At first we enjoyed our time with them. We met twice for dinner that first month. However, lately we've been feeling pressured. Doreen sends four or five e-mails during the week and then a few text messages asking about our plans and if we want to meet them on Saturday.

I have tried to explain that we can't afford to go out every weekend and that Clay and I sometimes have other plans. I have told them I'd be willing to host a game night or rent a movie, but I get the impression they consider it an insult.

The issue here is that we don't like being pushed. One text or e-mail toward the end of the week is plenty for us. But receiving several inquiries all week makes us feel trapped. We have our own projects, friends and activities. We can't spend every weekend with this couple. As much as we enjoy spending time with them,

how can we politely let them know that it is becoming too much?

— In Demand in Annapolis

**Dear In Demand:** Doreen and Bob obviously do not have as full a social calendar as you do, and they love your company. It would not be rude to explain to Doreen that, as you so clearly stated in your letter, you "have your own projects, friends and activities" and "can't spend every single weekend" with them. You should also say that being snowed under with e-mails and texts makes you uncomfortable.

If they take offense because of it, the problem is theirs.

## Dear Abby



**Dear Abby:** I can't be the only person with this question, and I hope you can point me in the right direction. Nowadays many restaurants, airports and department stores have automatic flush toilets. But sometimes they don't work. Is there an override switch somewhere? I hate to leave them unflushed.

For obvious reasons, I'm not signing my full name, but this is a genuine concern.

— Lisa in Sacramento

**Dear Lisa:** The answer is yes. There usually is a manual button you can push when the infrared signal fails to operate. Some-

times it's a little black button on the front of the metal post, or a large metal button on the top.

If you have tried without success to locate the button, you have my permission to leave the stall knowing you have done the best you "can."

**Dear Abby:** Every year, the day after my birthday, my father-in-law calls to yell at me for not letting him know it was my birthday. He says he "just found out" after talking to other family members. Then he'll say he would have sent me a gift — or at least a card — if I had told him.

Does he really expect me to call him two weeks before my birthday to remind him to start shopping for my gift?

— A Day Late ...

**Dear Day Late:** Yes, he does. So next year, call his bluff and see what happens.

**Confidential To My Dear Mother, Pauline Phillips:** Happy Mother's Day, Mama. You have always been so many things to so many people — a surrogate parent, a role model, a moral compass as well as an inspiration. You are in my heart and in my thoughts today and every day.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

# Serial dater finds loving and leaving works for her

My boyfriend wants to marry me. I love him, but settling down with one person seriously concerns me. The only times I ever feel like getting married are fleeting moments when I feel insecure. I love serial monogamy. I'm 36, and have enjoyed these consistently fulfilling

two-year relationships since high school. It is so exciting. If the person just puts their hand on my knee, I almost die of ecstasy! I relish every moment, everything they say and do, their every quirk and nuance. Developing these relationships into solid, communicative, balanced partnerships is rewarding, but after about two years, while I love the person and know them so well...well, I know them so well! The sparks have faded. Still, how long can I keep this up? Should I settle down? I don't want kids, so doesn't factor that in.

— Unsettled

There comes a time in a girl's life when she's looking for that special dozen.

If only you could see how miserable serial dating is making you. Just reread your words: "It is so exciting! ...I almost die of ecstasy." (Almost dying of ecstasy is so overrated.) Surely, you'd be happier if only you'd get the white

dress and get with the program: "We're gathered here today to join two people, one of whom is scared out of her pantyhose that she'll end up an old cougar preying on recent college graduates in a bar."

You'll be a hard woman to propose to, considering you're only tempted to get fitted for the old ball and chain during "fleeting moments" when you feel insecure. What's the guy supposed to do, wait till he notices you gnawing your cuticles, and really quick, drop down on one knee? And what then? While many couples these days do write their own vows, "till dull do us part"

probably isn't going to fly. Yet, this seems to be what works for you, not because you're a commitment-phobe, but because you're a commitment realist. That's why you walk the walk (right out the door when it gets boring), unlike those who only talk the talk: "If you love something, set it free ..." but if you really love something, make sure it gets bogged down with a bunch of legal hassles if it ever tries to leave.

The path you're taking isn't without risks. As helpful marriage-minded types have surely informed you, you could die

alone and be eaten by your cat. Of course, if you marry, you could still die alone and be eaten by your cat. Even worse, you could die alone while you're still very much alive and married. And yes, some women have an increasingly hard time finding dates as they get older. This doesn't mean all women will. Because men value youth and beauty, you need to stay in shape and take care of your skin. (Forget the \$300 ampules of hydrogenated sheep urine; just be sure your sunblock protects, not only against UVB, but the UVA rays that make skin look like Sacagawea's moccasins.)

Your attitude, of course, is a strong selling point. A guy can keep the ring, his genetic material, and the granite countertops; you'll stick around as long as the fun outweighs the unfun. At some point, chasing newness may start getting old. That would be your cue to seek a more predictable form of novelty — like marveling at how the same old man always manages to keep it fresh: every night, coming up with hours of new and irritating throat-clearing noises. "Honey, is that you?" you call from the kitchen, "Or has a wounded brontosaurus slipped into the living room?"

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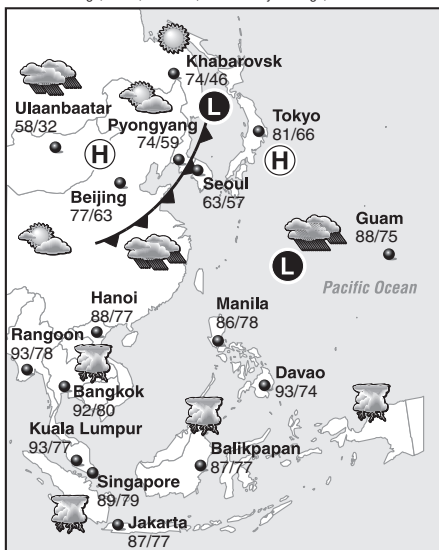
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Apra Harbor	7:44 a.m.	3:03 a.m.	10:23 p.m.	3:09 p.m.

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Sukku, Ora Wan: -39, Sesoko Byochi: +11 high and low tide:

Uten Ko: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.



## CANADA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	61	41	Sun
Edmonton	63	39	PCldy
Halifax	51	40	Rain
Iqaluit	18	13	Snow
Montreal	52	43	Clldy
Ottawa	57	40	Clldy
Quebec	50	41	Rain
Regina	61	31	PCldy
Toronto	58	38	PCldy
Vancouver	61	47	PCldy
Whitehorse	51	27	Clldy
Windsor	59	42	PCldy
Winnipeg	54	36	PCldy
Yellowknife	45	27	Rain

## EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	62	51	PCldy
Berlin	78	63	Sun
Belgrade	83	61	PCldy
Brussels	64	45	Rain
Dublin	55	41	PCldy
Glasgow	57	41	Shwr
Lisbon	73	55	Shwr
London	66	46	Shwr
Madrid	75	52	Shwr
Moscow	72	52	Shwr
Paris	66	50	PCldy
Rome	75	56	PCldy
Warsaw	72	52	PCldy

## MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	71	58	Clldy
Baghdad	87	59	Clldy
Cairo	83	61	Sun
Dhahran	99	77	Sun
Islamabad	96	64	Shwr
Kabul	75	45	Sun
Kandahar	95	60	Sun
Karachi	89	62	Sun
Kuwait	99	80	PCldy
Mazar-e-Sharif	91	63	Sun
Tehran	77	63	Rain
Tel Aviv	73	57	Sun
Zahedan	92	66	Sun

## AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	86	72	Tstm
Algiers	86	63	PCldy
Cape Town	77	51	Sun
Casablanca	72	55	Clldy
Durban	67	57	Clldy
Freetown	92	71	PCldy
Kano	95	71	PCldy
Khartoum	102	76	PCldy
Kisangani	84	70	Tstm
Luanda	83	76	Clldy
Malakal	96	71	PCldy
Mogadishu	87	76	Shwr
Tabora	85	62	PCldy
Timbuktu	112	69	Sun

## LATIN AMERICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	90	75	Sun
Bogota	66	47	Tstm
Buenos Aires	73	54	PCldy
Cancun	98	74	PCldy
Havana	87	70	PCldy
Kingston	87	78	Shwr
Lima	78	61	PCldy
Mexico City	81	54	Tstm
Nassau	86	76	Sun
Puerto Plata	86	74	Sun
Rio de Janeiro	82	69	Shwr
Santiago	66	46	PCldy
Santo Domingo	83	71	Rain
San Jose	76	68	Tstm

## ASIA / PACIFIC

City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	56	50	Shwr
Colombo	87	78	PCldy
Darwin	86	70	Shwr
Dhaka	98	80	Sun
Hong Kong	84	75	Sun
Kathmandu	96	64	PCldy
Melbourne	64	49	PCldy
Mumbai	90	80	Sun
New Delhi	104	77	PCldy
Phnom Penh	90	81	Tstm
Shanghai	88	69	Sun
Sydney	66	54	Clldy
Taipei	87	71	Sun
Xining	72	48	Shwr

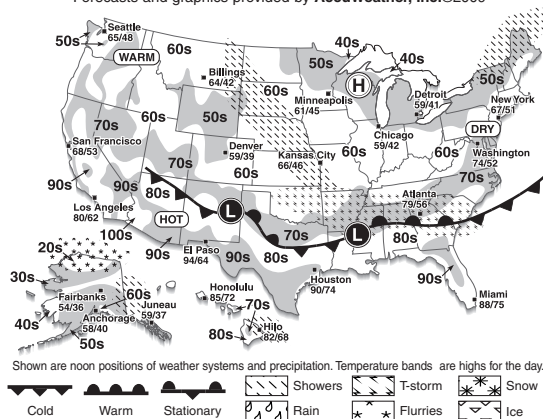
## SUNDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ablene, TX	75	55	PCldy
Akron, OH	56	39	PCldy
Albany, NY	60	41	PCldy
Albuquerque	86	55	Sun
Allentown, PA	66	42	Sun
Amarillo	69	45	PCldy
Anchorage	58	40	Sun
Asheville	74	49	Tstm
Baltimore	79	56	Tstm
Baton Rouge	73	45	Sun
Billings	68	42	Tstm
Birmingham	78	58	Tstm
Bismarck	66	37	PCldy
Boise	71	51	PCldy
Boston	68	47	PCldy
Bridgeport	68	47	Sun
Brownsville	93	75	PCldy
Buffalo	52	37	PCldy
Burlington	56	40	Clldy
Caribou, ME	53	37	Rain
Casper	58	35	Clldy
Charleston, SC	85	66	PCldy
Charleston, WV	76	46	PCldy
Charlotte, NC	78	55	Tstm
Chattanooga	73	53	Tstm
Cheyenne	54	36	PCldy
Chicago	59	42	PCldy
Cincinnati	64	43	PCldy
Cleveland	56	41	PCldy

City	Hi	Lo	W
Colorado Spgs.	59	40	PCldy
Columbia, SC	82	62	Tstm
Columbus, GA	83	66	Tstm
Columbus, OH	82	64	PCldy
Concord, NH	65	40	PCldy
Corpus Christi	90	73	PCldy
Dallas	71	59	Tstm
Dayton	61	43	PCldy
Daytona Beach	89	68	Sun
Denver	59	39	PCldy
Des Moines	66	47	PCldy
Detroit	59	41	PCldy
Duluth	52	34	PCldy
El Paso	94	64	Sun
Elkins	65	39	PCldy
Erie	53	40	PCldy
Eugene	70	46	PCldy
Evansville	68	45	PCldy
Fairbanks	54	36	PCldy
Fargo	60	39	PCldy
Flagstaff	78	36	Sun
Flint	56	37	PCldy
Fort Smith	68	55	Rain
Fort Wayne	60	41	PCldy
Fresno	90	60	Sun
Goodland	64	42	PCldy
Grand Junction	75	46	Sun
Grand Rapids	56	37	PCldy
Great Falls	66	42	Sun
Green Bay	57	35	PCldy
Greensboro, NC	74	52	Tstm
Harrisburg	67	45	Sun

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## Child on bicycle killed by tractor-trailer

**DE** SMYRNA — State Police say a 5-year-old boy was killed when he was run over by the rear tires of a tractor trailer on Glenwood Avenue in Smyrna.

Troopers say an 18-wheel tractor trailer was traveling west on Glenwood Avenue near School Lane.

Authorities say 5-year-old Christopher Foote Jr. of Smyrna was riding a bicycle north on School Lane and failed to stop at a stop sign. The child on the bike entered the intersection and hit the rear of the trailer. The rear wheels of the trailer ran over the child.

The child, who was not wearing a helmet, died of his injuries.

Troopers say no charges have been filed in the crash.

## Descendants fight for Geronimo's remains

**NM** MESCALERO — A group of descendants of the Apache leader Geronimo is suing to stop another descendant from moving the American Indian icon's bones from Oklahoma to New Mexico.

Phillip Thompson, an attorney for the Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, says his group and 18 members of the family of a man claiming to be a great-grandson of Geronimo filed motions to request that the remains be undisturbed.

The move comes in response to a lawsuit filed in February by Harlyn Geronimo, who also claims to be a great-grandson of Geronimo. He wants to ship the remains from Fort Sill — where Geronimo died in 1909 — to southwestern New Mexico's Gila Wilderness.

## Lawsuit says state failed to protect kids

**NY** NEW YORK — A federal lawsuit claims New York City failed to properly screen a woman who used fictitious identities to adopt 10 disabled children and later repeatedly abused, starved and imprisoned them in a "house of horrors."

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the children whom Judith Leekin, 64, adopted over an eight-year period ending in 1996.

The suit charged that Leekin was able to carry out the scam in which she fraudulently collected \$1.68 million in adoption subsidies because the city's Administration for Children's Services didn't do its job.

The suit claims that ACS could have easily exposed the scheme with some simple legwork such as contacting Leekin's neighbors and employers.

ACS spokeswoman Sharman Stein said the city "intends to vigorously defend this lawsuit."

All of Leekin's children are now adults ranging in age from 17-28 and living in Florida.

## Pacifier taped to mouth kills 9-month-old baby

**SC** COLUMBIA — Authorities say the foster mother of a 9-month-old boy who died when she taped a pacifier to his mouth faces charges.



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Investigators say neonatal nurse Angela Dukes was in her first day caring for the boy on Feb. 8. They say she tried to quiet him but the taped pacifier blocked his breathing and he died that day.

State Law Enforcement Division spokeswoman Jennifer Timmons says Dukes, 30, has been charged with felony unlawful conduct toward a child.

## Pablo Picasso painting fails to sell at auction

**NY** NEW YORK — A Pablo Picasso painting of his young daughter and an Alberto Giacometti sculpture of a cat have failed to sell at a New York City auction. Each had been estimated to fetch between \$16 million and \$24 million.

The Sotheby's auction house says bids at the impressionist and modern art sale failed to meet the reserve prices for the artworks.

At the same auction, an abstract painting by Piet Mondrian called "Composition in Black and White, With Double Lines" sold for more than \$9 million, about twice its pre-sale estimate.

## Storeowner convicted in hammer attack on boy

**NY** NEW YORK — A New York City storeowner has been convicted of beating a teenage boy in the head with a hammer, apparently ending his chances for an athletic career.

A surveillance video shows Salad Ahmed running from a side

room of his Brooklyn grocery store and striking the 14-year-old with the heavy metal tool.

The district attorney's office says he was convicted of first-degree assault and faces up to 25 years in prison.

Prosecutors say Ahmed beat the teen because he had been in a fight with his nephew, a cashier in the store.

Ahmed claims the teen was shoplifting.

The teen has mostly recovered. He testified his speech is still slurred because of his injuries and he's no longer a star athlete.

## Legislators OK state day to honor Islam

**HI** HONOLULU — Hawaii's state Senate has overwhelmingly approved a bill to celebrate "Islam Day" — over the objections of a few lawmakers who said they didn't want to honor a religion connected to Sept. 11, 2001.

The resolution to proclaim Sept. 24, 2009, as Islam Day passed the Senate on a 22-3 vote. It previously passed the House and now goes to the governor. The bill seeks to recognize "the rich religious, scientific, cultural and artistic contributions" that Islam and the Islamic world have made.

The Senate's two Republicans argued that radical Islamists cheered the 9/11 attacks. They also noted that other religions didn't have a special day honored. One Democrat opposed it on the grounds of church-state separation.

## 4 shot, 1 fatally, in city gunfight

**IL** CHICAGO — Authorities say four people have been shot, one fatally by Chicago Police, in gunfire on the city's South Side.

Mark Payne, a spokesman for the Independent Police Review Authority, which investigates all police-involved shootings, told the Chicago Sun-Times the person who died was fatally shot by Chicago police.

The other three victims were not shot by police, Payne said, adding that a gun was found at the scene.

Fire Department spokesman Joe Roccasalva says the three wounded were taken to area hospitals in serious to critical condition.

## Cow bolts butcher line, milks hour of freedom

**NY** NEW YORK — A cow has escaped from a New York City slaughterhouse and may have a new lease on life.

Police say the black heifer bolted from Musa Hala Inc. and wandered in Queens for nearly a mile before police captured it an hour later and took it to an Animal Care and Control center, where it was nicknamed Molly.

Officials there are looking into whether Molly can be placed at a farm sanctuary or must be returned for slaughter.

It depends on whether anyone claims her.

In 2002, an Ohio cow jumped a 6-foot fence to escape from a Cincinnati meatpacking plant and ran free in a park for 10 days.

She was nicknamed Cincinnati Freedom.



**Didn't mom say not to?** Joseff Rosario and Catherine Torres, both from the Bronx, New York, participate in the World's Biggest Bed Jump event taking place in New York. Corresponding events were also held in Shanghai, Paris, and London.

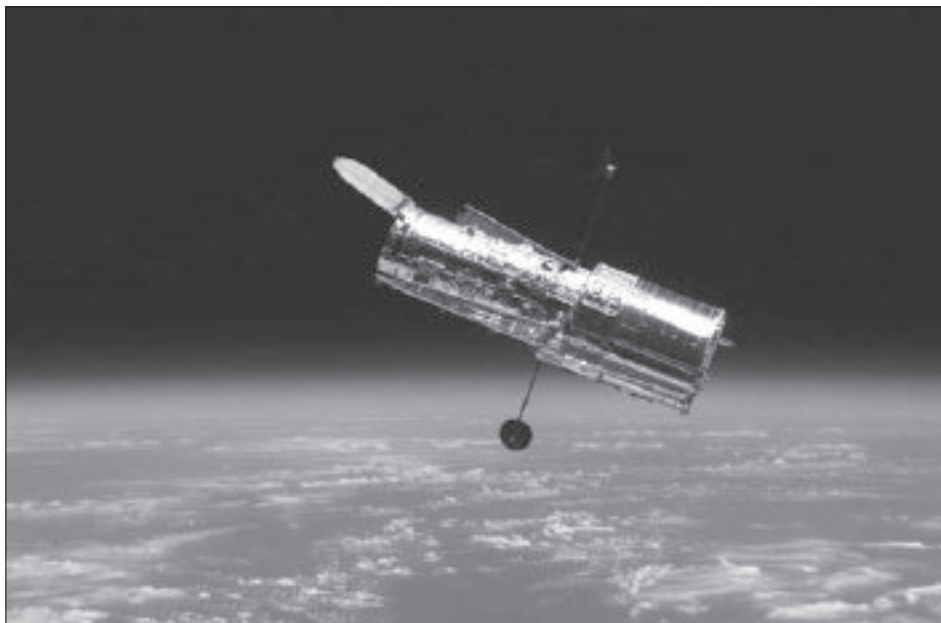


**She's a shoe-in** Ann Trout, of Memphis, Tenn., stands in a large pair of wooden shoes while having her picture taken during the opening day of Pella's 74th Annual Tulip Time Festival in Pella, Iowa.



## Summer in the trees

A Summer Tanager is seen during a birding tour at the King Ranch near Kingsville, Texas.



## Telescope repair

The Hubble Space Telescope is about to get one last house call. And never before have the risks been higher. Astronauts will soon take up new scientific instruments, replacement parts for broken cameras and fresh batteries that should keep Hubble running for five to 10 years.



## Warming's cutest victim?

The American pika, a short-legged, softball-sized fur ball that often huddles in high mountain slopes, isn't built for long-distance travel. So as the West's climate warms, the tiny pika has little choice but to scurry a little farther up slope to beat the heat.



## Rooftop maelstrom

"Maelstrom," a 130-foot-long by 45-foot-wide stainless-steel sculpture by American artist Roxy Paine, is on display at the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

## Village defends first salary hike in 16 years

**NY** MINEOLA — Long Island officials are defending a decision by village trustees to give themselves 61 percent pay raises starting in June.

Taxes in Mineola are going up 2.15 percent because revenue has fallen. But village officials say the salary increases did not contribute to the tax hike.

The mayor will get an \$11,000 pay raise, to \$29,000. Each of the four village trustees gets a \$5,500 raise, to \$14,500.

Officials say the pay hikes make the trustees eligible for full credit in the state retirement system.

They add that the trustees have earned their raises. Their salaries had not increased in 16 years.

## Report: State has lowest gun death rate

**HI** HONOLULU — Hawaii, with its strong gun laws and low rate of gun ownership, has the lowest gun death rate in the nation, the Washington D.C.-based gun control group Violence Policy Center said.

The islands had a per capita gun death rate of 2.6 per 100,000 people in 2006, according to the center's analysis, based on the most recently available national data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. The national average was 10.3, it said.

Only 9.7 percent of Hawaii households own guns, compared with 45.6 percent in Louisiana, which topped the nation in per capita gun deaths at 19.5, the center said.

## Bandit the kangaroo remains on the loose

**NY** CANASTOTA — A wayward 'roo named Bandit is wandering around an upstate New York community.

State police say motorists reported seeing a kangaroo along the Thruway in Canastota, 20 miles east of Syracuse.

Troopers who searched the area saw the 3-foot-tall animal and contacted the owner, but the 'roo got away.

Owner Jeff Taylor says Bandit is a 1-year-old wallaroo, a large species of kangaroo. He bought the animal last month for a wildlife education program he intends to start next year.

Bandit has been on the loose for three weeks. Taylor says he believes someone broke into his barn and intentionally let the animal out.

The state police Thruway detail said Bandit remained on the loose.

## Boy found alive 2 days after wandering away

**MO** ST. LOUIS — A 3-year-old boy was found in rugged Missouri woods 50 hours after he wandered away from his rural home three miles away, authorities said.

A search volunteer found Joshua Childers in a dry creek bottom, said Madison County Sheriff David Lewis, who described the Mark Twain National Forest as "really rough country," consisting of steep ravines, creeks and

rugged rocks.

Joshua slipped out of his house, wearing a T-shirt, sneakers and a pull-up diaper. His parents searched about 45 minutes before calling police, setting off a massive search by authorities and volunteers.

Joshua's father works an overnight shift and was home sleeping. His mother was watching the child but was briefly distracted. That's when the boy wandered away from the home near the small town of Arcadia, about 100 miles southwest of St. Louis.

## March for homeless raises \$135,000

**VT** BURLINGTON — Efforts to help reduce homelessness in the Burlington area are getting a big boost thanks to a weekend march that raised \$135,000.

Rita Markley of the Committee on Temporary Shelter says the money is needed now more than ever.

The Burlington Free Press says organizers of the 20th COTS Walk say they expect to receive thousands more dollars from the event over the next few months.

Walk organizers say the money raised will help the nonprofit alleviate the strain on its resources.

Last year the walk raised \$186,000.

## 53 pounds of cocaine found on beach

**TX** SABINEPASS — Beachcombers found more than seashells while strolling on a Texas beach: two dozen neatly wrapped packages of cocaine.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Lt. Troy Tucker said drug smugglers have been known to use freighters and the cocaine may have been kicked overboard to avoid detection.

The sheriff's department was working with federal agencies to try to determine the source of the 53 pounds of cocaine, worth about \$500,000.

## Reward posted in 1989 disappearance of girl

**MA** WOBURN — A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the recovery of the body of a Woburn teen who disappeared nearly 20 years ago.

Prosecutors, police and members of Melanie Melanson's family announced the reward at the site where the girl was last seen alive.

Melanson was five days short of her 15th birthday when she disappeared on Oct. 27, 1989, following a party in the woods with a group of friends.

Police and the Middlesex District Attorney's office say they continue to conduct an active investigation in the case.

The reward is being offered by the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation, which tries to raise awareness about people who have gone missing under mysterious circumstances.

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Pontiac	G3 5-Door <sup>5</sup>	34
	G5	35
	G5 GT	35
	G5 XFE	37
	G6	33
	Vibe	32
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## OPINION

## Living in the lap of necessary luxuries

By MEGHAN DAUM  
Los Angeles Times

My 20s were so lacking in creature comforts, I could have been in a Dickens novel. What a bedraggled waif I was, living in a grimy New York apartment with no dishwasher, no air conditioner and no on-site laundry facilities. Like most Manhattanites, I didn't have a car, nor did I have a television set, although that was mostly because I was incredibly pretentious and wanted to convey the (false) notion that I was the kind of person who spent all evening — often, alas, at the laundromat — reading Ibsen plays.

Those days are over, thank God. Now that I've traded the pseudo-intellectual, quasi-ascetic affectations of my protracted adolescence for the unapologetic consumerism of early middle age — in other words, now that I no longer live in New York — I enjoy an array of household conveniences. Instead of dragging my laundry along block after block of filthy sidewalks, I can take my clothes directly off my body and deposit them into my very own washing machine (and then, in a magnificent coda, my very own dryer). I also have a dishwasher, a cell phone, wireless Internet and satellite cable service that's so advanced that accidentally sitting on the remote can cause entire air-traffic-control systems to reset. Tragically, I still don't have air conditioning, which is why I'm in a bad mood six months of the year, but I do have a car, which I often use to get to places to which I could easily walk.

Does that make me spoiled? As an American, I'm pretty much spoiled by default (even in my wretched, substandard days in New York, I still ate brie; I just had to wash the plate by hand). A new survey by the Pew Research Center suggests the real difference between a luxury and a necessity has dawned on Americans — and, as a result, we may be getting less spoiled.

In a telephone survey of 1,003 people conducted in early April, only 21 percent said a dishwasher was a necessity, and 66 percent said a clothes dryer was a necessity. When the same questions were asked in

2006, 35 percent considered dishwashers indispensable and 83 percent thought the same of dryers. Other items that now seem less than absolutely necessary include microwave ovens (down 21 percentage points from 2006), home air conditioning (down 16 points) and cable or satellite TV (down 10 points).

Pew researchers made a point of saying that some of the findings were because of new technology supplanting old, particularly among younger people. In other words, while older people tend to view things such as land-line phones and television sets as necessities, younger people favor cell phones and computers. Televisions (as in TV sets) were deemed necessary by only 52 percent of those surveyed. Not only is that a 12-percentage-point drop from 2006, it's the smallest vote for TV set necessity since Pew first posed the question in 1973, undoubtedly because more people now watch TV on computers and other digital gadgets.

Even so, the ratings drop looks promising for Ibsen — OK, maybe Dan Brown — and can-do-without-Americans. But if you think a brave new frugality must be sweeping the nation — and flying its flag in the form of a thousand undershirts hanging from backyard clotheslines — think again. The question the survey-takers posed about each of these items was not, "Are you willing to live without a dishwasher/clothes dryer/cell phone?" It was, "Do you pretty much think of this as a necessity or pretty much think of this as a luxury you could do without?"

Uh, no to the first; yes to the second?

Part of what's so perverse — yet perversely endearing — about American consumerism is the way we don't allow luxury to preclude necessity. Just because we don't technically need something doesn't mean we can't convince ourselves that we'd die without it. There's a reason the statistic about more American households having TVs than indoor plumbing has been floating around for decades (although more recent Census data show indoor toilets gaining a slight edge over TVs, perhaps because people realized they could put a TV

in the bathroom). It's because we define luxuries as being in the eye of the beholder (if watching "Wheel of Fortune" has more value than a flush toilet, hey, no judgments) and we hold as self-evident that some of them fall into a category all their own: necessary luxuries.

That may be an oxymoron, not to mention evidence that we may be a nation of morons. But acquiring things we don't need and then coming to rely on them as if they were as essential as air and water isn't just about affluence, it's about our national identity. For better or worse, it's something that makes us who we are.

Reading Ibsen in the laundromat? That's downright un-American. So the next time you hear folks agreeing that they could do without their clothes dryers, don't believe it. They're either lying or they're incredibly pretentious. Or they're in a Dickens novel and should get out of New York. Drive, don't walk.

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## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

### Woman should get court nod

#### Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune

Whom should President Barack Obama appoint to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court? Someone who is smart, fair, wise, progressive, experienced — and female.

Many women fit that description. Obama should pick one as a first step toward righting a serious gender imbalance on the high court.

The pending retirement of Justice David Souter, who plans to step down this summer, creates the opportunity.

Only two women have served on the nine-member Supreme Court. ...

A male-dominated court was expected in the 19th century, but it's unacceptable today. ... The ranks of attorneys include thousands of women. Hundreds of judges in county, state and federal courts are female. ... They — as well as women in politics and other fields — form a rich vein of talent, from which Obama should find a replacement for Souter.

Beyond all other qualifications, service on the Supreme Court demands excellence, integrity and a respect for the Constitution. But the bench also needs diversity, reflecting the court's central involvement in American life.

### Attack on finalist unbecoming

#### The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.

It would be one thing if Carrie Prejean had auditioned to represent the United States in a capacity that required skills beyond working the catwalk in a bikini and negotiating steps in sky-high heels and an evening gown. ...

But, no, when Carrie Prejean answered the question that made her famous, she was trying to become the next in a long line of crowned queens in a pageant literally descended from a "bathing beauty" competition.

As Miss California, Prejean was a finalist for Miss USA when she was asked a question about gay marriage by judge/celebrity blogger Perez Hilton. Her answer was thus:

"We live in a land where you can choose same-sex marriage or opposite marriage. And you know what, I think in my country, in my family, I think that I believe that a marriage should be between a man and a woman. No offense to anybody out there, but that's how I was raised." ...

She was asked a question about an issue that divides many of us, and she answered it in an honest, if garbled, way. She should not be pilloried — or subject to a vile Internet rant, as Hilton delivered — for giving her opinion. And last time we checked, it was an American value to defend the right of others to say what they think, even if it's a Miss USA contestant whose views may come across as intolerant. That her attackers have shown themselves to be intolerant, too, is just one of the ironies in the Miss USA flap.

### Book taught FEMA a lesson

#### The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

It's not a bad idea for FEMA to have a Web site aimed at children with quizzes, games and other activities about disaster preparedness.

After all, children are affected by disasters, and giving them age-appropriate information and tools for coping might help them face such difficulties.

But including an online coloring book that features planes hitting the World



Trade Center shows a shocking lack of sense and sensitivity.

The title of the coloring book should have served as a good tipoff that this particular offering was problematic. It was called "A Scary Thing Happened."

A scary thing certainly did happen back in 2001. But giving children a visual of that scary thing and asking them to embellish it with color doesn't seem like a sound way to handle such a touchy, traumatic subject.

Fortunately, the coloring book is gone.

FEMA is reviewing all the content put on the agency's Web site by the prior administration, spokesman Clark Stevens said. If the coloring book is any indication, a thorough review is a good idea. ...

The FEMA spokesman wouldn't give a specific reason for the coloring book's removal. But the reason seems pretty obvious: a clueless thing happened.

And now, thankfully, it's been erased.

### Health centers part of equation

#### The (Nashville) Tennessean

A surge of stimulus funds will help community health centers across the nation meet many immediate needs. But perhaps the greatest potential of the attention the clinics are gaining from the funds will be an acknowledgment of what those centers have been doing all along.

Community health centers have been filling in the blanks on health care for a long time. They are doing some of the noblest work in the country, providing access where care is otherwise lacking and providing direct services to people who would otherwise go without it because of cost. ...

The recent economic stimulus plan will provide \$6.5 million for community health centers in Tennessee. ... But while the spotlight is currently on stimulus money spurred by President Barack Obama, it's important to remember that former President George W. Bush had made great strides in increasing funding for community health centers while in office. ...

It is nice to see that community health centers are getting more of their due with money from the Obama stimulus plan. But just as communities should be glad to see those clinics benefit from those funds, there should be a concerted effort to maintain attention to the clinics long after the stimulus plan has run its course.

### Judge's motives painfully clear

#### New York Post

The Spanish sure don't make inquisitions like they used to.

But a renegade Madrid judge is trying his best to revive the tradition.

Claiming universal "human rights" jurisdiction, Judge Baltasar Garzon recently announced that he is opening a criminal investigation — his own personal inquisition,

of sorts — into (ironically) alleged torture at the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay. ...

No one's in imminent danger of extradition. But the case — and the eagerness with which many on the American left have embraced it — are Exhibit A of the fundamental lack of moral seriousness surrounding the "torture" debate.

Clearly, there's a respectable argument to be made that certain practices allowed by Bush-era interrogation policy ... should be forbidden. But as even the supposedly infamous "torture memos" leaked by the Obama administration make clear, Bush officials made a deliberate, good-faith effort to draw a line between reasonably aggressive interrogation and illegal torture. And, lest anyone forget, they understood that the cost of getting it wrong would be paid in American blood.

Yet to hear the left tell it, there's no difference between them and the most heinous criminals in world history. ...

If anything, of course, this only serves to cheapen the suffering of the real innocent victims of torture, brutalized even now by regimes around the world. Funny how Garzon & Co. aren't going after them.

### A 'novel' idea: Drop 'swine flu'

#### Chicago Tribune

Where others see a looming pandemic, the Australian crocodile meat industry sees only opportunity. No, you can't get swine flu from eating pork chops, but if you're nervous, Aussie croc farmers would be happy to introduce you to the other white meat. ...

China, Russia, the Philippines and several other countries have banned pork imports from the U.S. and Mexico, despite assurances from the World Health Organization that the disease can't be transmitted from hog to human. ... U.S. pig farmers complain that some countries are just happy for an excuse to enact trade barriers that benefit their own farmers. ...

A truth-in-labeling campaign launched by the pork producers met with resistance at first. But then Nebraska, which has a lot of pig farmers, broke ranks with the rest of the world, calling the virus by its scientific name, H1N1. Within days, U.S. health officials had adopted the name, while the European Commission had settled on the puzzling "novel virus." On April 30, the WHO announced that it would go with H1N1, to avoid confusion and to prevent the unnecessary slaughter of pigs.

It won't be easy to get that hog back in the barn, though. H1N1 doesn't exactly roll off the tongue, and folks have gotten used to using the term "swine flu," as we've done several times in this editorial. It's time we all stopped dragging the pig's reputation through the mud.

### Coverage surpasses flu threat

#### The (Grand Junction, Colo.) Daily Sentinel

[Almost all] people suffering from the swine flu aren't on their death beds. In fact, most of them are probably suffering not a great deal more than if they had a common cold.

But 36,000 Americans die every year from the common, garden variety flu.

Those statistics quite starkly illustrate the insidious nature of the media, particularly television, to run, and run hard, with the panic story du jour. We, that being the print media, won't deny some culpability, but much of the current unnecessary near-hysteria about swine flu must be laid at the feet of the 24-hour news networks.

If one were to listen ... to MSNBC, CNN and Fox in recent days, he or she might logically conclude that we're in the midst of a deadly flu outbreak the likes of which haven't been seen since 1918.

That is about as far from the case as it could possibly be. ... But perspective is something that's lost in the age of instant and constant news. ...

So yes, do wash your hands often. Yes, cough into a tissue. Yes, do stay home if you feel ill.

And please, please, pay no attention to the hyperventilating reporters and anchors who would have us all believe that death from swine flu is imminent. It's not.

### Not a standard bankruptcy

#### Herald-Star, Steubenville, Ohio

America is about to test uncharted waters in the automobile business, as well as in business in general.

The bankruptcy filing by Chrysler and 24 affiliated businesses on April 30 will test the concept that a bankrupt automaker won't be able to sell cars. ...

The fear is that buyers will not purchase cars from a company or division that will cease to exist during the life of the vehicle, making service and parts availability and warranty claims tough to obtain.

The federal government has said it will back the warranties of Chrysler, and GM, too, a bit of uncharted waters. But who will service the vehicles of consumers if the companies slam the doors on dealerships as part of the "surgical" bankruptcy? ...

To be a "surgical" bankruptcy will require a judge to overlook the rights of creditors, including dealerships and suppliers, who normally have their day in court to argue in a major bankruptcy case.

There's a federal government attitude that Washington will have its way when it comes to Chrysler's bankruptcy, but that would require a change in the way bankruptcies are typically handled. Which would put the nation not only in uncharted business waters, but a new legal ocean.

## PERSPECTIVES



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**Left:** Ron Owens plants cucumber seeds in his garden in Lawson, Mo. Ron and his wife, Jan, are “economic survivalists,” and believe in being prepared for turbulent times. **A few months ago they began stockpiling essentials. Right:** The Owens family’s stockpiled items include canned and boxed goods on the left, potatoes and onions (which Jan is holding) and medicine cabinet items on the shelves at right. Sammy, one of their dogs, stands on the refrigerator.

# ‘You never know when you’ll need it’

By RICK MONTGOMERY  
The Kansas City (Mo.) Star

## Those who fear the worst put stock in piles

**A**mmo. Canned goods. Vegetable seeds. Fortified water by the case. They are reportedly flying off the shelves, these staples of the stockpile crowd.

“Survivalist” isn’t the right term, not in a downturn that has got everyone nervous. “Preparedness” or “self-sufficiency” — that is what they are saying.

Adhesive bandages. Gardens in the works — be they victory gardens or, as some prefer, “crisis gardens.”

The closet off the living room in the Owens home near Lawson, Mo., isn’t huge, but it’s organized.

Heavy coats, sweat shirts and Ron Owens’ cap collection greet wife Jan as she enters and flips the light. She pulls back the heavy coats.

There, on a rack covering the wall: Nonfat dry milk. Rice. A cast-iron skillet.

“You never know when you’ll need it,” she said of the food supplies she began stockpiling five months ago.

Jan is a cheery person who works in a nursing home. She apologizes for the cramped closet, just up the stairs from the cramped basement bathroom where more essentials are stuffed behind a curtain: Stewed tomatoes. First aid in a suitcase. Large bottles of liquor.

“Er ... that’s for snakebite,” deadpans Ron, who works in alternative fuels and holds an MBA.

The couple’s easy disposition — Ron plays mandolin on the porch — belies a worry shared by many in this final year of a stormy decade.

If Sept. 11 wasn’t enough, if Hurricane

Katrina and spiking oil prices weren’t enough, if a federal government diving into 14-digit debt wasn’t enough, Jan and others now ask, “What if the banks close?”

Are times that perilous?

Frankly, not to Joe Levy, a clerk at Mickey’s Surplus in Kansas City, Kan., where mannequin heads sport gas masks.

“Compared to the Depression, this is nothing!” said Levy, 78, whose family of German Jews fled the Nazi regime and came to America in 1937. “I have faith in this country. Things will come around.”

Many agree. For the first time in five years, more Americans than not say the country is headed in the right direction, according to a recent Associated Press poll.

But among the 44 percent who say

“wrong direction” and countless others who just wonder if they are prepared for the next blow, natural or man-made, it makes sense to grab 10 cans of corn on sale instead of two.

Nationwide, retailers report

shortages of canning jars, water-purification tablets and ammunition — especially ammunition.

For many gun owners, the stockpiling “isn’t just kind of — it’s full on,” said Jeff Neuman of The Bullet Hole gun store and firing range in Overland Park, Kan. “We’re real thin on ammunition, same as everywhere.”

Much of the ammunition crunch is tied to concerns other than economic. Gun-rights groups worry that the Obama administration and a Democratic Congress will stiffen firearm restrictions. Some state legislatures are looking at bills that

aim to slap serial numbers on bullets.

But area firearm dealers say the creeping unease extends beyond the threat of gun-control forces in positions of power.

Global terrorism. National debt. Big banks teetering. “I think it’s all of the above,” said Mike Malone of the Olathe (Kan.) Gun Shop.

The Department of Homeland Security last month issued a report to law enforcement officials warning that home foreclosures, unemployment and the recession “could create a fertile recruiting environment for right-wing extremists.”

The report ignited conservatives and veterans groups with its suggestion that military personnel returning from war could be ripe for the picking. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has apologized to veterans.

The extreme right hardly has a corner on today’s doom market.

Web sites such as LifeAftertheOilCrash.net and TheNewSurvivalist.com foresee escalating violence and cascading calamities in the aftermath of “peak oil” production, global warming or other world-changing crises.

For Jennifer Olsen, a passion to prepare was validated by recent news of the nation’s energy grid being tapped (but not disrupted) by computer hackers, some from foreign lands. Mass chaos looms, “but not for my little family,” said Olsen, a Phoenix area woman who can hardly wait to move into a house the family just bought in Kansas City.

“Plans are already under way for rain-water collection, solar shower, gray-water usage, turning the lawn into useful food and habitat ...” she wrote in an e-mail.

Zohara Hieronimus — author, former broadcaster and holistic health care advocate — said: “Fear of an unknown future compels us as individuals and communities to get all kinds of insurance plans.”

Unlike most insurance plans, stockpiling up for the worst can be therapeutic.

It offers a sense of control when so many things seem out of control, said Hieronimus, whose Baltimore-based radio show urged listeners to prepare for the Y2K scare a decade ago.

“People saving food, saving water, buying ammunition — they’re all expressing a love for life. They’re doing what they can to save the life they know,” she said.

The winter sales at Strasser True Value in Kansas City, Kan., suggested something less profound to general manager LeRoy Andrews.

“We sold more electric heaters this year than we ever did before,” but Andrews reckoned it was to help homeowners cut their gas bills.

He said demand for emergency generators wasn’t close to what his store faced in the run-up to Y2K, when the century’s impending turn spurred fears of massive power outages.

“Some probably are stocking up on essentials a little more than normal,” Andrews said, “but it might be because you don’t know if you’re going to have a job tomorrow.”

The Owens’ garden, just planted, is big enough to sustain everyone on their rural cul-de-sac should summer bring disaster — economical or meteorological.

“You make time to do the basic things,” Ron said. “It’s a process.”

Jan grins: “Some of our neighbors think we’re a little ... (she clicks her tongue) ... off.”

The neighbors are part of this whether they know it or not.

“If they’re not as well-prepared for whatever might happen, we’d like them to know everything on our property would be theirs, too,” Ron said. “If it takes community living, that’s what it takes.”

Back in the cramped closet, Jan spins around to face more shelves loaded with essentials: Disinfecting wipes. A supply of old cell phones. A tin can holding game tiles.

“See,” she said, “if we want we could even play dominoes.”

*“People saving food, saving water, buying ammunition — they’re all expressing a love for life. They’re doing what they can to save the life they know.”*

**Zohara Hieronimus**

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	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "One of Our Own"	Emperor New	(7:40) Movie "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (2003, Fantasy) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Liv Ullmann.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Ent. Studios	Recon Revisited	MythBusters "Helium Football" Helium-filled footballs.	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Celtics at Magic	NHL Hockey: Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 4 -- Capitals at Penguins
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Phineas and Ferb		Hannity	Criss Angel Mindfreak	State Dept Briefing	Decoding the Past Freemasonry.	NBA Basketball Western Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets. From Toyota Center in Houston.	NHL Hockey
10:30	Dr. Phil	Ben 10		Anderson Cooper 360	MLB Baseball Florida Marlins at Colorado Rockies. From Coors Field in Denver. (Live)	Fit For Duty	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern "Hawaii"	NBA Fastbreak (Live)	Quick Pitch
11:00	Dr. Phil	Teenage Robot		Special Report With Bret Baier	Fit For Duty	AFN Europe Report	Latin Lifestyles	Baseball Tonight	
11:30	CBS Evening News	Kenny the Shark	(:20) Movie "Congo" (1995, Drama) Dylan Walsh, Laura Linney, Ernie Hudson.		Battleground	Week-Pentagon	Urban Style	SportsCenter (Live)	
12:00	ESPN	Teen Kids News			Around the Services	Fit For Duty	Designed to Sell		
12:30	ESPN	Grossology			Engineering an Empire "The Maya: Death Empire"	Recon	Tyler's Ultimate		
13:00	NBC Nightly News	Out There	(:05) Movie "Into the Blue" (2005) Paul Walker, Jessica Alba. Four divers cross paths with drug smugglers.	Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	Access Hollywood	Recon Revisited	Big Daddy's House	NBA Fastbreak (Live)	NFL Total Access
13:30	World News-Gibson	Lizzie McGuire		Your World With Neil Cavuto	The Rachel Maddow Show	Recon Revisited	Healthy-Elle Krieger	Baseball Tonight	
14:00	Connie the Cow	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries "Steve's Dream"	(:10) Movie "The Wedding Singer" (1998, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Deadliest Catch "Good Fishing"	Fit For Duty	New Amsterdam "Soldier's Heart"	SportsCenter	Quick Pitch
14:30	Sonic the Hedgehog	Animal Miracles "Tory & the Bears"		Around the Services	Law & Order "Profilier"	Fit For Duty	Stargate Atlantis "Aurora"	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	MTV Hits Playlist
15:00	Rocko's Modern Life	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys	Movie "Young Frankenstein" (1974) Gene Wilder. Dr. Frankenstein's grandson returns to Transylvania.	Tavis Smiley	World News-Gibson	Fit For Duty	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles	Baseball Tonight	Top 20 Countdown
15:30	Danny Phantom	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn.	Nightly Business Report	ESPNews	Week-Pentagon	Supernatural "The Monster at the End of This Book"	SportsCenter	Top 20 Countdown
16:00	Naruto	The Fairly OddParents	(:45) Movie "Be Cool" (2005, Comedy) John Travolta, Uma Thurman, Vince Vaughn. Chili Palmer runs afoul of record-industry players.	The O'Reilly Factor	Headline News	The Grill Sergeants	Saturday Night Live	NBA Basketball Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Boston Celtics at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla.	WWE SmackDown!
16:30	Darcy's Wild Life	American Idol	Movie "Sky High" (2005, Comedy) Michael Angarano, Kurt Russell.	Today	American Idol	Fit For Duty	Take Home Chef	SportsCenter	Attack of the Show!
17:00	Ent. Studios	American Idol Elimination; No Doubt; Daughtry.		MSNBC Live	Headline News	Battleground	Throwdown With Bobby Flay		
17:30	Criss Angel Mindfreak	Movie "Chicken Little" (2005, Comedy) Voices of Zach Braff, Joan Cusack.		Bulls and Bears	American Idol	Recon	Music and the Spoken Word		
18:00	Engineering an Empire "The Maya: Death Empire"	Movie "The Fast and the Furious" (2001) Vin Diesel.		Cavuto on Business	'Til Death	Recon	Time of Grace		
18:30	The Celebrity Apprentice				The War at Home	Week-Pentagon	Austin City Limits		

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00:00	(11:00) The Celebrity Apprentice	(10:30) MovieSky High (2005)	The Fast and the Furious	Forbes on FOX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Choreographed"	FNG Useful benefits.	(11:30) Austin City Limits	NBA Basketball Western Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets. From Toyota Center in Houston. (Subject to Blackout)	Top 20 Countdown
00:30	Sports	The Universe "Mars" Possibility of life on Mars.	(:45) Movie "Raging Bull" (1980, Biography) Robert De Niro, Cathy Moriarty, Joe Pesci. Oscar-winning story of former boxing champ Jake LaMotta.	Cashin' In	Without a Trace "Fight/Flight"	Fit For Duty	Dog the Bounty Hunter	ESPN	Top 20 Countdown
1:00		Movie "Chicken Little" (2005, Comedy) Voices of Zach Braff, Joan Cusack, Don Knotts.		Newsroom	House "Role Model"	Around the Services	Wife Swap "LaBrie/Zaring"	PGA Tour Golf The Players Championship -- Third Round. From Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. (Live)	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Diamond Hill Plywood 200. From Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. (Taped)
1:30		American Idol	Movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor.	This Week in the Pentagon Wall Street Journal Report	Law & Order "Knock Off" A tourist is murdered.	Around the Services	Judging Amy "Blast From the Past"	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live)	This Week in Baseball
2:00		American Idol Elimination; No Doubt; Daughtry.	(:45) Movie "Be Cool" (2005, Comedy) John Travolta, Uma Thurman, Vince Vaughn. Chili Palmer runs afoul of record-industry players.	America's News HQ	The Celebrity Apprentice	First Air Force Now	Austin City Limits "Dixie Chicks"	ESPN	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Southern 500. From Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. (Live)
2:30		Mister Rogers' Neighborhood		Newsroom	McLaughlin Group	Battleground	Kiana's Flex Appeal	ESPN	
3:00		Barney & Friends		McLaughlin Group	Headline News	National Guard News	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	ESPN	
3:30		Sesame Street	Movie "Life Is Beautiful" (1998) Roberto Benigni. A man turns concentration-camp life into a game for his son.	Our World With	Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Take Home Chef	ESPN	
4:00		Davey and Goliath		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Headline News	The Benning Report	Throwdown With Bobby Flay	ESPN	
4:30		VeggieTales		FOX Report	Entertainers	Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.	Music and the Spoken Word	ESPN	
5:00	Sports	Postman Pat	Movie "The Last Emperor" (1987, Biography) John Lone, Joan Chen, Peter O'Toole. Pu Yi is Emperor of China at age 3.	Washington Week in Review	Life on the Way	The Grill Sergeants	Time of Grace	ESPN	
5:30		3-2-1 Penguins		All Hands TV	T.D. Jakes	Fit For Duty	More Than Conquerors	ESPN	
6:00		The Magic School Bus	(:10) Movie "The Cider House Rules" (1999, Drama) Tobey Maguire, Charlize Theron. Trained in medicine, an orphaned man seeks another path.	Today's Air Force	Love Worth Finding	Fit For Duty	More Than Conquerors	ESPN	
6:30		Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman		The Chris Matthews Show	The Pure Life	Battleground	The Universe "Cosmic Holes"	ESPN	
7:00		Archie's Weird Mysteries		Newsroom	Grand Ole Opry Live	Recon Revisited	I Shouldn't Be Alive "Kidnap in the Killing Fields"	ESPN	
7:30		Growing Pains	(:25) Movie "Mystic River" (2003, Crime Drama) Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, Kevin Bacon. A detective probes the murder of his friend's daughter.	Journal Editorial Report	MotorWeek	Fit For Duty	Extreme Engineering Hong Kong's Chek Lap Kok airport.	ESPN	
8:00		Planet's Funniest Animals		The Beltway Boys	At the Movies	Battleground	The Suze Orman Show	ESPN	
8:30		Full House		Larry King Live	Digging for the Truth "Giants of Easter Island"	Today's Air Force	Rick Steves' Europe	ESPN	
9:00		The Brady Bunch		Geraldo at Large	The Death of Marilyn Monroe	Recon Revisited	Quick Fix Meals	ESPN	
9:30	McLaughlin Group	Barbie as Rapunzel Barbie portrays the long-haired fairy-tale heroine.	Movie "The Last Emperor" (1987, Biography) John Lone, Joan Chen, Peter O'Toole. Pu Yi is Emperor of China at age 3.	Huckabee	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Japan"	The American Veteran	Iron Chef America Chefs compete.	ESPN	
10:00	ESPN	Movie "PollyWorld" (2006) Animated. A girl and her friends compete at an amusement park.		FOX Report	Dirty Jobs "Ostrich Farmer" Ostrich farmer.	Fit For Duty	Star Trek: Voyager "Thirty Days"	ESPN	
10:30	Washington Week in Review	Honey We're Killing the Kids Processed foods.		This Week at War	Survivor: Tocantins "The Ultimate Sacrifice"	Battleground	Heroes "Better Halves"	ESPN	
11:00	House Call-Dr. Sanjay Gupta	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "A Lot Like Love" (2005) Ashton Kutcher, Amanda Peet. Casual friends deepen their bond over seven years.	Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show	Sun City Soldier	King of the Hill	ESPN	
11:30	Entertainers	The Fairly OddParents		Newsroom	ESPNews	Recon	That '70s Show "Prom Night"	ESPN	
12:00	Life on the Way	Planet Earth Tibetan fox; lions hunt elephants.	Movie "One True Thing" (1998) Meryl Streep, Renée Zellweger. A magazine writer returns home to care for her ill mother.	This Week in the Pentagon	Medium "Things to Do in Phoenix When You're Dead"	Recon Revisited	The King of Queens	ESPN	
12:30	T.D. Jakes	Planet Earth Tibetan fox; lions hunt elephants.		All Hands TV	Life "Initiative 38" A politician is shot to death.	Fit For Duty	Everybody Loves Raymond	ESPN	
13:00	Love Worth Finding	Planet Earth Tibetan fox; lions hunt elephants.		Today	Headline News	Battleground	Ace of Cakes "Lost in Hawaii" A cake for the series "Lost."	ESPN	
13:30	The Pure Life	Planet Earth Tibetan fox; lions hunt elephants.		CBS News Sunday Morning	Saturday Night Live	Recon Revisited	Lost Locke solidifies his position as leader of the Others.	ESPN	
14:00	Grand Ole Opry Live	Planet Earth Tibetan fox; lions hunt elephants.		Face the Nation		National Guard News	Dr. 90210 "Behind the Mask" Cosmetic surgery reversed.	ESPN	
14:30	MotorWeek	America's Funniest Home Videos				Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Blood"	ESPN	
15:00	At the Movies	Smallville "Instinct"				Around the Services	Friends	ESPN	
15:30	Digging for the Truth "Giants of Easter Island"	90210 Harry and Debbie welcome Sean into their home.				Around the Services	Dancing With the Stars	ESPN	
16:00	The Death of Marilyn Monroe	Touched by an Angel "Only Connect"				Around the Services		ESPN	
16:30	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Japan"	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "What Is Love?"				Around the Services		ESPN	
17:00	Dirty Jobs "Ostrich Farmer" Ostrich farmer.					Around the Services		ESPN	

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## YOUR MONEY



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Kurt Spring, and his girlfriend, Holly Dewar, both of Melrose, Mass., paint their Melrose home. The two are restoring the house themselves after purchasing the 19th-century structure for \$340,000 in January. The house was vacant for two years before the couple made the purchase.

## Look before you leap

BY CANDICE CHOI  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The conditions seem ripe to become a first-time homeowner.

Real estate prices are tumbling, mortgage rates are at record lows and there are big tax credits on the table. All that might have you scrambling to assess whether you can afford to make the leap into homeownership.

That was the situation for 28-year-old Holly Dewar and her boyfriend last winter.

"We really wanted to get the most for our money, and the market timing seemed right," said Dewar, who works in public relations.

Her boyfriend, 29-year-old Kurt Spring, works in real estate finance, which helped facilitate the purchase.

They closed on a three-bedroom, one-bathroom home just outside Boston for \$340,000 in January. But that price didn't include a host of other costs, such as \$4,000 in closing fees and \$700 for a home inspection.

And before even considering such details, find out whether the mortgage down payment is a deal breaker; lenders are requiring more money upfront as they tighten standards. For the less-than-ideal borrower, an array of new loan fees could be another hurdle.

So if you think it's time to stop renting, here are some big and small costs to consider.

### COST #1: Getting ready

Start the process by polishing your credit report. While the cost can be rela-

tively minor, it's particularly important now that banks are being more selective about making loans.

The Federal Reserve says a March survey found half of U.S. banks tightened lending standards on prime mortgages in the previous three months, up from 45 percent in February.

A higher FICO score also gives you greater negotiating power over the terms of the mortgage and ultimately, the total cost of the loan. A stellar score ranges from 760 to 850, while scores below 640 might mean you have to pay a significantly higher interest rate.

You're entitled to a free annual credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus. Getting your FICO score costs \$15.95 at [www.myFICO.com](http://www.myFICO.com).

### COST #2: Down payments

Rates on 30-year fixed mortgages are at a record low of 4.78 percent. At the same time, more lenders are demanding bigger down payments of 20 percent or more.

The upside of making a bigger down payment, of course, is that you'll owe less money and get better terms on your mortgage. If your down payment is less than 20 percent, however, you generally need to pay for mortgage insurance. This could cost \$100 or more a month depending on the nature of your loan.

You can find out the down payment your lender will require as part of the pre-approval process. This is typically a free service where a lender evaluates your financial situation and tells you the terms of the loan they're willing to give you. It's a good idea to get pre-approval

before you start looking at houses.

"Being able to tell the seller you can do the deal strengthens your bargaining position," Smith said.

### COST #3: Adding up fees

New fees introduced by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the past year will likely push the price of a mortgage higher for many people.

The fees are based on credit profiles, the amount of the loan in relation to property value and the type of home you're buying. As such, they'll vary greatly depending on your personal situation, but could total as much as 3 percent of the mortgage.

In that case, you'd be paying another \$3,000 for a \$100,000 loan.

There are also standard closing costs to consider. These are service fees charged by the lender, and could cover items such as credit reports, appraisals, documentation and administrative costs.

The total expense will vary depending on where you live and your particular situation. According to Bankrate.com, the national average last year was \$3,118 for a \$200,000 mortgage.

Fees were highest in New York (\$4,015) and lowest in North Carolina (\$2,650).

Lenders are required to itemize all closing fees, so review them carefully. Some of the more standard fees might be negotiable.

### COST #4: Inspections

There are plenty of inspections to consider.

Holly Dewar and Kurt Spring, for instance, paid \$700 for a home inspection

after making a verbal offer. That price covered checks on the home's structural integrity and heating and water systems.

"We wanted to make sure there weren't any surprises," Dewar said.

Your inspection costs will depend on the checks you want and whether your inspector offers comprehensive packages.

The seller might pay for inspections in some cases, but it's more common for the buyer to foot the bill.

Other inspections might be for lead paint, pests or radon gas. Some of these checks might be required by the lender and included in the closing costs.

### COST #5: Maintenance

A common mistake for many new home buyers is focusing on the monthly mortgage alone. It's easy to forget all the maintenance costs that come with owning a home.

"It's one of the big revelations for people," said Julie Longtin, of Re/Max Professionals in East Greenwich, R.I.

To start, your utility costs will likely go up significantly. As a renter, you might not even pay for water, heat or electricity. But they could be a big drain if your home is large or you have a pool or other feature that drives up utility bills.

There are bigger maintenance matters to consider as well, such as repainting the house periodically. You'll also be on the hook for any repairs for your home.

"You don't know what's going to happen," said Longtin. "And as the house gets older, it's likely the maintenance fees will grow."

## YOUR MONEY

## On Wall St., signs give some hope

BY GAIL MARKS JARVIS  
Chicago Tribune

After a long, cold economic winter, some see hints of spring in the economy.

On Tuesday, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke cited some of the same encouraging signs that Wall Street analysts have been using to predict an upturn. He said he believes the recession is easing, and growth is likely to resume this year.

Looking for so-called green shoots has become an obsession on Wall Street since early March. Analysts have sorted through data to find tidbits of information comparable to the first green tips of tulips poking through springtime soil.

Although thawing is welcomed and is a reason to slowly buy stocks again in anticipation of the eventual recovery, it's less clear what the economy will be like after the early phase of increased business activity.

"We continue to expect economic activity to bottom out, then to turn up later this year," Bernanke said in testimony to a congressional committee Tuesday. But he doesn't necessarily predict a quick return to the relatively comfortable conditions that preceded the housing bust.

He thinks the recovery will be gradual, and "business are



Encouraging signs on Wall Street have helped propel the S&P 500 index up more than 30 percent since March 9.

likely to be cautious about hiring." Most economists believe the unemployment rate will continue to increase, and many consumers are saddled with heavy debt loads.

Although stocks of companies that depend on consumers have been strong performers lately, Standard & Poor's strategist Sam Stovall said he is cautious and more interested in technology stocks because they depend less on consumer purchases. Technology stocks also have done well in recent weeks.

In addition, with companies still reporting earnings from the last quarter, S&P senior index analyst Howard Silverblatt said he has had difficulty spotting any green shoots. Although companies such as Kraft Foods, Johnson & Johnson, Intel and IBM have reported better-than-expected profit, other companies have shocked investors

with losses that were much worse than expected.

Also, many companies are providing stronger-than-anticipated earnings by slashing costs, but analysts say that works for only so long. Once a competitor does the same, a company can lose its advantage.

Rather than buying a stock based on a positive earning surprise, Silverblatt suggests selecting those that increase dividends. For example, he notes, luxury handbag-maker Coach "reported numbers that were OK, not great, but they initiated a dividend."

"That's leading with your chin," he said. "It's like saying: 'The check is in the mail.'"

Silverblatt also is telling investors to be wary of August and September, when companies will be setting 2010 budgets and cutting back if they don't see sales picking up.

## Fixed-rate credit cards don't exist

Dear Liz: I just received a letter from my credit card issuer hiking my 8.9 percent fixed rate to a variable rate of 14.65 percent. I've had the card for more than 12 years, have never been late and have a near-perfect credit score. Are there any fixed-rate cards out there anymore?

Answer: There's no such thing as a true fixed rate in the credit card world. Card issuers have long been able to change your rate and terms at will, and lately they've been doing so with a vengeance.

Regulations will go into effect next year that limit issuers' ability to raise rates on your pre-existing balances unless you pay late. Congress is considering more restrictions, including one that would prevent issuers from advertising fixed rates unless the rate is actually fixed for some period of time.

The good news is that you don't have to wait. If your credit scores are high, plenty of other card issuers want your business. You can transfer your balance to a lower-rate card and then pay it off.

As you've learned, carrying a balance these days is a fool's game. Use your good credit as a tool to help you get free of the credit card industry's clutches, and you'll be well ahead.

Dear Liz: My wife and I maintain a largely untapped home equity line of credit as a source of emergency funds in the event of a job loss, medical needs, etc. With so many financial institutions seemingly on the verge of bankruptcy, what happens to our ability to draw on our line of credit should the bank go under?

Answer: Your line of credit is one of the bank's assets. If your bank fails, the bank that takes over would add your loan to its books.

That said, the new bank may have different standards for how much of your equity you can borrow and may cut back or freeze your line of credit. That could happen even if your bank doesn't fail, since many lenders are reducing their risk exposure by cutting back on lines of credit, particularly in areas where home prices are falling rapidly.

You're probably safe, for now, if the balance you owe on your mortgage plus your home equity credit limit total less than 60 percent of your home's current value. If your "loan-to-value" exceeds that limit, however, you would be smart to look for alternative sources of emergency funds. The best: cash in the bank.

Dear Liz: How can a bank honor a postdated check prior to the date that is written on it, and still claim to have integrity as well as accountability?

Answer: Banks are supposed to cash your checks for the amount written and from the right account. Expecting them to pay attention to your dating games is asking too much.

For those who don't know, a postdated check is one that's written with a future date on it, under the idea that the bearer will either wait to cash the check or the bank will wait to process it.

But neither the bearer nor the bank is under any obligation to do so, so don't write checks you can't cover. If you want to pay debts at some future date, use your bank's online bill pay service and set the payments to go out when you want.

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## Money Talk



Liz Pulliam Weston

## THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

## INDEXES

52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk Hg/L
High	Low						
13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,409.85	-102.43	-1.20	-4.18	-34.64
5,356.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,308.28	-95.83	-2.82	-6.47	-36.68
530.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	345.44	+1.36	+0.40	-6.83	-32.12
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,800.09	-90.46	-1.54	-4.75	-38.22
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,468.14	-24	-0.02	+5.05	-37.47
2,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,715.24	-42.86	-2.44	+8.83	-29.98
1,440.24	666.79	S&P 500	907.39	-12.14	-1.32	-4.46	-35.08
897.37	397.97	S&P MidCap	567.77	-14.55	-2.50	+5.48	-33.45
14,564.81	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,269.78	-143.43	-1.52	+2.01	-34.35
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	492.94	-12.15	-2.41	-1.30	-31.49

## NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	
Citigroup	9298525	3.81	-0.05	
BofA	8781331	13.51	+0.82	
DirFinBear	4935879	5.67	+0.43	
AmInUp	3277388	1.95	+0.11	
DirFinBul	3191087	10.43	-0.00	
SPDR	2776855	90.86	-1.28	
SPDR Fin	2705136	12.12	-0.36	
Wells Fargo	2175342	24.76	-2.08	
ProFut	1830252	4.18	-0.23	
GenElec	1385973	13.96	+0.29	

## AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	
PSCrudeOil	393020	3.29	...	
GoldStr	33585	1.59	+0.13	
BootsGts	28946	1.72	-0.33	
PA Pall	27408	2.40	+0.21	
Taseko	24446	1.41	-0.14	
BarcGSOL	24205	20.55	+0.05	
DenisNM	23385	2.08	-0.22	
EdorOld	22443	8.62	-1.27	
GranTra	21825	2.69	...	
NhrmTm	20995	1.63	-0.10	

## NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	
PwShs QQQ	1985670	34.21	-0.82	
FifthThird	1005892	5.35	+0.07	
Intel	880071	15.77	-0.35	
Cisco	878508	18.95	-0.66	
CellTher rsh	765080	1.07	-0.20	
Microsoft	661902	19.32	-0.47	
Symantec	634595	14.99	-2.60	
HuntBnk	607782	3.89	+0.44	
Oracle	528302	18.42	-0.54	
DryShips	501948	10.04	-0.66	

## EXCHANGE RATES

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Japanese yen (May 11)	97.00
South Korean won (May 11)	1,230.00
Euro costs (May 11)	\$1.3841
Dollar buys (May 11)	€ 0.7225
British pound (May 11)	\$1.55

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3768
British pound	\$1.5056
Canada (Dollar)	1.1578
China (Yuan)	6.8230
Denmark (Krone)	5.5218
Egypt (Pound)	5.6375
Euro (Euro)	\$1.3493/0.7411
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7503
Hungary (Forint)	205.09
Israel (Shekel)	4.0860
Japan (Yen)	99.14
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2911
Norway (Krone)	6.4195
Philippines (Peso)	47.53
Poland (Zloty)	3.29
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7502
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4623
South Korea (Won)	1,242.30
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1214
Thailand (Baht)	34.78
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5517

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## PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$915.00
Silver	\$14.021

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.17
30-year bond	4.26

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

## Toyota reports worst loss in company history

TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp., battered by plunging global sales, reported its worst annual loss since its 1937 founding — and forecast even more red ink in the year ahead.

The world's largest carmaker said Friday its net loss for the January-March quarter was 765.8 billion yen (\$7.7 billion) — bigger than General Motors reported for the same period.

That brings Toyota's fiscal year loss to a larger-than-expected 436.94 billion yen (\$4.4 billion), a dramatic reversal from the record profit it earned the previous year.

## Wholesale inventories worse than expected

WASHINGTON — America's wholesalers slashed inventories for a seventh straight month in March as businesses struggled to get stockpiles in line with plunging sales.

The Commerce Department said Friday that wholesale inventories dropped 1.6 percent in March, much larger than the 1 percent fall that analysts had expected. That followed a 1.7 percent drop in February, the largest monthly decline on records that go back 17 years.

Wholesalers also saw sales plunge 2.4 percent in March.

From The Associated Press

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Yokota, Japan - 1992 Nissan Serena due to PCS will be available in June Brand new engine! Seats 8 JCI is due Sept 30th 2009, and we PCS in June, too early to get it updated. JCI cost us \$363.00 which we have taken off the sticker price. Passes Base pre-inspection no defects, come for a test drive today! JCI until 30 Sept. 09 Asking \$700 Please Call 614-358-4882

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Nissan Skyline 5-Speed Transmission all weather tires & rims A/C & Heater work great! AM/FM stereo Car runs great JCI until Dec. 2010 Asking \$3000 OBO Call Eduardo or Sarah @ 210-881-4403

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Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Skyline GTS-T (Turbo) w/ Extra's Nissan Skyline Turbo, with flip out TV/DVD, two monitors in the back, Direct iPod adapter, complete stereo sound system, cold A/C, aftermarket cold air intake, aftermarket blowout valve, just had a tune up this winter, tires are 3 months old. JCI until Nov 2011. Asking \$2700 OBO Please call 080-5682-6699 or email nardone311@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Red Toyota Celica for sale. Very clean and well-maintained by non-smoking owner 103,000 Km (64,000 miles), automatic transmission, A/C, power windows, and AM/FM/CD/cassette Stereo JCI good until May 2011 and 2009 Road Tax just paid. Portable GPS included (US & Japanese maps). Asking \$2500. Please call 313-347-0283 or email nicole.avci@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Lucida new car! We are leaving Yokota. Great van! Seats 8 runs great, clean non smoking, 2 sunroofs. Great on gas! Call 720-257-6818 allied 080-3692-0316 cell 040-432-0302 or email eliasmard@yahoo.com JCI until Feb. 2010 asking \$800

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Yokota, Japan - 1995 green Toyota Windom \$1700 1yr JCI nice, clean, 4 door sedan V-6, runs great. Automatic transmission. Keyless entry Power locks, power windows, power seats, Working A/C and heater large trunk CD player, cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid. JCI due April 2010. Non smoker Please call or email to see 404-478-4605 Asking \$1700

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Red Ford Explorer! Great Condition! Clean Interior! Disc Changer! PWR Locks! PWR Windows! Runs Good! AWD/2WD Off-Road Tires! Gray interior. Keyless Entry Keyless starter Viper Alarm JCI till Sept 2010 asking \$1800 Call 225-4145 or 080-3500-0978 or email jorel.lugo@yokota.af.mil

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Century 139,000 KM Black 20" Chrome Rims New Tires Power Windows Power Locks Cruise Control Leather Seats Power Front Seats Power Rear Seats (rear seats recline) Power Rear Head Rest Heated Seats Massage Rear A/C Road Tax Paid \$4000 OBO Call 216-619-8433 or 080-3362-9822 or email azntensai@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4 door sedan. JCI until June 09. 4cylinder runs great Automatic transmission. Power locks & power windows. Working A/C and heater, Cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid Non smoker. Bought from Johnson's off base and passed JCI (with the exception of an expired tire) w/ 50K kilometers, and has 60K kilometers (37K miles). Never had any problems with it please call or email to see or if you have any questions. Asking \$1900 443-283-0661: ung.yone@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 97 Honda Wagon Lots of Extra's Low miles, runs excellent, JCI is good until 2011. Road tax just Paid. Asking \$2700 Please email thepampredstamper4u@yahoo.com or call 210-547-9918

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Starlet I recently had my driving license suspended for 6 months so I am trying to sell this car ASAP. I just got this car last week so nothing has been done to it. It is manual 5-speed transmission. Recaro driver's seat. Razo shifter knob. Racing pedals. Clean inside and out. A/C and Heat work fine. Just needs a tire and plates. If you would like to see the car you can contact me at 713-490-0819 or email me at ronald.i.matthews@yokota.af.mil asking \$2500 OBO

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Odyssey with extras! 1997 Odyssey seats 7 w/captain chairs. Fold away back seats. With sunroof w/moon-roof, 6 disc CD changer, TV, turn by turn Navigation system, and proximity sensors in the bumpers. A/C front and back, all new tires. Complete with all maintenance records and oil changes. JCI until April 10 Asking 2500 OBO Please call 080-5682-6699 or email m a i l nardone311@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Nissan Laurel 73,500 km 18" Rims w/ new tires Custom interior Touch screen TV/CD/NAVI Great condition! JCI until July 2010 asking \$3500 Please call 090-3878-2567 or email Preston.bolen@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Honda Of America 1999 Honda Saber 89,000 kilometers. Very clean inside & out Cold A/C Asking \$3000 OBO Payment plan is ok C a l l a n y t i m e 080-5098-8728/1-646-957-9377 or email csmlinich@yahoo.com

Zama - 95' Black Toyota Levin, 47k good condition, 5 speed manual, \$1000/obo. Must sell fast. Camp Zama 263.7815

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Yokota, Japan - '98 Honda Inspire 111K mileage Self-adjusting automatic timing belt tension on the VTEC 2.5 engine, Power windows/locks/steering, in dash Navigator/Television and CD player. Custom wheels, double airbags, rear spoiler (lighted), Road Tax already paid and JCI due in November of 2009. Asking \$2400.00 Click here for bigger photo: <http://i4.photobucket.com/albums/y117/Krowdon/car/1998hondainspire1.jpg> Please call 080-6664-1034 or email krowdon.graphics@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Mazda RX-7 (FD3S) Black interior, black SSR rims. Car runs great, no problems. Upgrades After market exhaust, Greddy black light boost gauge, Kenwood 7 inch motorized screen, Kenwood DVD player, CD player with USB connection for MP3 player or IPOD/i-phone. I bought a new car so I must sell ASAP. You won't find a more reasonably priced RX-7 anywhere. \$3500 negotiable or \$3000 firm take your pick. Runs great Please call 080-6049-7467 or email jdsx7@yahoo.com

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Yokosuka - 2000 Ducati 748R Yellow and White. Just off the crate from Italy. Excellent condition with few minor shipping scratches. Comes with Marchesini wheels, Termignoni carbon pipes, PC III and other few performance and cosmetic mods, original stock parts, stands, AGV Valentino Helmet and Spidi racing suit if desired. Asking \$6,500 OBO. Pics available upon request at mariolovesu@yahoo.com or delgadom@cvn73.navy.mil

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda X-111 Engine displacement 1100cc good condition JCI until Sept. 2010 asking \$4500 Please call 210-547-9936 or email samuelienler@hotmail.com

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Atsugi - Peg Perego Aria Twin Light Weight Stroller - side-by-side stroller, folds easily and compactly; great for toddler and infant or twins; stroller weighs 14lbs; spacious basket under stroller; removable, hand-washable upholstery; handle for carrying when folded; asking \$50 OBO. Call Sarah at 264-7193.

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<p>Yokota, Japan - Bouncy Seat This is a blue bouncy that also has a setting for vibrations and soft nursery music. In great condition asking \$15 Please call 080-6574-4454 or email caseyrodriquez@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Size 18-20 Black leather jacket! Lightly worn \$200 jacket! I lost weight! no longer want the jacket. Asking \$80 OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Complete Toddler Bedroom Set Excellent condition. Under 1 year old Set includes: Solid wood toddler bed with mattress, bed rails, bottom and top sheet, and matching blanket and pillow case. Solid wood toy box with matching design and lift top lid (pinch free construction). Matching book shelf and area rug Solid wood toy box with matching design and lift top lid (pinch free construction). We would love to take this with us back to the States, but we just can't fit it. A value of over \$300 asking only \$150. Please call 090-8478-1050 or email japanmissions@gmail.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Washing Machine + Overhead Rack Sanyo 4.2kg Washing Machine + Overhead Rack Used but in good condition. Standard Japanese Sanyo. Some slight scratches and minor dents on outside but works like a champ. New hoses. Overhead rack has two storage racks and one clothes line hanging bar. Rack can adjust width to accommodate different size machines or laundry space. The rack itself cost \$40 and the washing machine was \$120. Asking only \$40 for the entire set Please call 090-8478-1050 or email japanmissions@gmail.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Madden 09 Purchased brand new, and honestly played it about 5 times. Not one of my favorites. I am willing to trade! Asking \$30 Please 2108814389</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Female Cat Female calico short hair cat, 2 years old. Spayed, front-declaw, micro chipped, shots up to date, indoors only. She is happy to keep to herself, but will enjoy curling up with you on the couch or in bed. Gets along with other animals once she gets familiar with them. Okay with children, but preferably older children. We have a 1 year old who adores her, but we aren't around much to give her all the attention she needs. We are also PCS'ing soon and are facing difficulties with the travel arrangements. Litter box, food dishes, bed, and food included. Please call 090-6477-0979 or email aussiedolphin@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - FREE HAMSTERS I have 2 hamsters that I need to give away. We do not need them anymore. There are about 4 months old, they are sisters. They will come with a 2 level cage, food and litter. Everything you need for them. Please call 407-373-1388</p>
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<p>Yokota, Japan - Red double Jog Stroller. Made in USA. Selling on behalf, a used good working condition Red Double Jog Stroller, originally from USA. Selling for 18,500yen (negotiable) 1st come 1st serve! Deposit half or at least deposit any amount (by Post Office account) to confirm to buy automatically reserved for buyer! Asking \$165 Please call 090-9837-9379</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Dell 17-inch color monitor &amp; Epson Stylus Delt M772p 17-inch color monitor accommodate a variety of users from home offices to schools &amp; corporate environments. It has a flat picture tube which reduces glare from ambient lighting. Images are displayed at a max resolution of 1280x1024 pixels. This monitor is adept to word processing, e-mail, and Internet browsing whether printing or copying documents, enlarging photos, or restoring color to old photos. The Epson Stylus CX5000 can easily print high-quality photos from memory cards, PictBridge - enabled cameras or phones without a computer by using an index sheet to select the images, as well as the number of copies. Asking \$100 Please email jamerica2002@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Dining room table we are PCS'ing and getting new furniture. The table is a dark glass rectangle shape with 4 black chairs. Please call for info. Asking \$100 OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - End table and coffee table Black with gold trim. Very nice but I am getting new furniture and PCS'ing. Asking \$20 each OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - North Side Housing Awning for sale. Complete with gutter and downspout. 3yrs old. Excellent shape you will need to take down and move. 1051D North Housing Asking \$500 Please call 214-261-6361 or email mnealey@armed-svc.com</p>	<p>Zama - Sigma 50-500mm 1/4-6.3 EX DG APO HSM for Nikon DSLR. Excellent A+++++ condition, no scratches, no blemishes, nothing wrong. Very useful 10x zoom. Comes with lens hood, padded case (no strap for case), lens strap, and UV filter. No box and no warranty card. Asking \$950. Regular retail is \$1200. Contact me at mahimah5_0@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Zama - Treadmill speed to 10 MPH, incline to 10%, Step Counter, Fan, tracks speed, time, distance, calories burned, pulse, heart rate, incline, pace, airsoft cushion deck, Fold Up New \$899, sell \$200 263-7194</p>
Books 250	Furniture 510	Home Electronics 570	Pets 820	Photography 830	Homes/Apts for rent - US 866	Miscellaneous 1040
<p>Yokota, Japan - UMUC Psychology and Criminal Justice Books are still in great condition some were purchased new. Email me for pictures Psychology 357 Adult development and aging 5th edition- Author William Hoyer, Paul Roodin \$80.00, Psychology 361 Psychology: Applied to work, 8th edition- Author Paul Muchinsky, \$60.00, Psychology 315-Motivation: Biology, Physiology and environmental 2nd edition- Author Lambert Dickers, \$25.00, Criminal Justice 360-Crime Victims: Intro to Victimology 6th edition- Author Andrew Karmen- \$40.00, Criminal Justice 361- Juvenile Delinquency: Theory, Practice, and Law 10th edition- Author Larry J. Siegel- \$80.00, Please call 1-240-845-5308 or email annvisocsky44@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - (2) Twin Beds with Bedding Set We have two twin beds for sale, with red headboard, mattress, box springs, and bed rails. Both beds come complete with a bedding set that includes sheets, shams, bed-skirt. Sorry, we only have one matching comforter for one bed only. The box springs and mattresses are in good condition. Asking \$50 Please call 0428-74-7350 or email jimmer.russell@gmail.com</p>	<p>Sasebo - Selling specialized Nintendo Wii, like new. Comes with multiple games, Guitar Hero and Rock Band full-band kits (rarely/s) with perfectly sensitive drums. Has INCREDIBLE amount of DLC. Asking \$710, will negotiate! E-mail sthnecomicbookguru@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Atsugi - Adorable 11 year old female mix of Husky &amp; Schnauzer, 30 lbs. Silver hair, spayed, good with kids &amp; dogs, healthy. Needs to find a loving home ASAP. USSKITTYTALK-YOKOSUKA@GMAIL.COM</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Canon camera 4 Sale Digital Cameras/Power Shot SD1000: Slim, stylish 7.1 Megapixel Digital ELPH with 3x Optical Zoom lens Civic modernism in the ELPH's classic Box &amp; Circle design in two color variations to suit your personal style. DIGIC Image Processor with improved Face Detection Technology and Red-eye Correction for sharper images and improved functionality Vivid, high resolution 2.5 inch Pure Color LCD with scratch resistant anti reflection coating for easy on camera viewing ISO 1600 and High ISO Auto to reduce image blur and expand low light shooting capability Five movie modes including 3p VGA, Time Lapse and Fast Frame Rate Print/Share Button for easy direct printing and downloading, plus ID Photo Print and Movie Print with select Asking \$150 OBO Please call 1-214-261-6424 or email sbriiggs1985@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Zama - Sigma 50-500mm 1/4-6.3 EX DG APO HSM for Nikon DSLR. Excellent A+++++ condition, no scratches, no blemishes, nothing wrong. Very useful 10x zoom. Comes with lens hood, padded case (no strap for case), lens strap, and UV filter. No box and no warranty card. Asking \$950. Regular retail is \$1200. Contact me at mahimah5_0@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Brand New Kawasaki Angle Grinder - 4 1/2 -11000 RPM -5.3 amps -2 position reversible side handle -spindle lock for quick and easy wheel change -sliding switch- for extended run applications -3 year warranty asking \$40 Jason home 713-490-0578 cell 080-3251-9808 or email jasonstacieal@hotmail.com</p>
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## NHL playoffs roundup

## Blackhawks get even in OT

*The Associated Press*

CHICAGO — Roberto Luongo looked unbeatable. Vancouver's defense was controlling the Chicago Blackhawks, the Canucks led 1-0 and were ready to head back home with a commanding lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

"Going out there 3-1 would have been tough," Chicago's Dave Bolland said.

The Blackhawks won't have to worry about that now.

Martin Havlat's wrist shot from between the circles sailed past Luongo to tie the game with 2:44 left. And less than 3 minutes into overtime Thursday night, Bolland's long attempt from beyond the right circle reached the net and teammate Andrew Ladd was there to tip it in for a 2-1 victory.

What looked like a sure loss turned into an emotional win for the Blackhawks, tying the series at 2-2 headed back to Vancouver for Game 5 on Saturday night. Chicago's victory ensured there will be a Game 6 back at the United Center on Monday night.

"We played the game we wanted to until there at the end," said Luongo, who finished with 26 saves. "There were 2 minutes left in the game and you don't want to lose a game like that. It's still a series and the first team to get to four. We've got to put this one behind us and get ready for Saturday."

Ladd assisted on Havlat's goal by digging the puck off the boards.

And then he found the perfect position in overtime — right in front of Luongo.

"Bolland has great patience with the puck," Ladd said. "He turned around, saw my stick and got it to the right spot. We've got a little momentum here and can take it back to Vancouver."

After Nikolai Khabibulin turned away the Canucks with two nice saves in overtime, Bolland chased down the puck along the boards at the other end and got it to Ladd.

"It was a shot from the half wall. Ladd was right in front of me," Luongo said.

"It was coming fast from the outside of the net. I extended my leg and he tipped it in the five-hole, so it was a good play by him."

Darcy Hordichuk took a pass

from a spinning Rick Rypien to score his first playoff goal midway through the second period to put the Canucks ahead — the fourth straight game Vancouver opened the scoring.

And Luongo again appeared too tough for the Blackhawks to crack. After allowing eight goals in two games at Vancouver, Luongo gave up just one in Game 3 and looked on his way to a shutout before Havlat tied it.

**Red Wings 6, Ducks 3:** At Anaheim, Calif., Johan Franzen and Marian Hossa each scored twice to help Detroit even the

Western Conference semifinal series at two games apiece.

After Franzen, who also assisted on Hossa's first goal, scored two first-period goals, Hossa broke a 2-2 tie with goals in a 3:05 span of the second period.

Mikael Samuelsson also scored, Henrik Zetterberg added an empty-netter, and Valterri Filppula had two assists for Detroit.

Chris Osgood made 25 saves for Detroit, while the Red Wings were able to chase Ducks goalie Jonas Hiller after Samuelsson's goal early in the third.



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Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo, right, saves a shot by the Chicago Blackhawks' Andrew Ladd during the second period of Game 4 in a Western Conference semifinal series Thursday.

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**AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.**—MLB: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets.  
**AFN-Xtra, 2 a.m.**—Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide Auto Hill Plywood 200 at Darlington, S.C. (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—Golf: PGA The Players Championship, third round, at Ponte Vedra Beach Fla.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.**—MLB: Tampa Bay at Boston (joined in progress).  
**AFN-Xtra, 6 a.m.**—NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Denver at Dallas, Game 3.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 8 a.m.**—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Pittsburgh at Washington, Game 5.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8:30 a.m.**—Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup Southern 500 at Darlington, S.C. (joined in progress).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Cleveland at Atlanta, Game 3.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Cleveland at Atlanta, Game 3 (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.**—MLS: Kansas City at Columbus (dld).  
**AFN-Atlantic, 5 p.m.**—NHL playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Chicago at Vancouver, Game 5 (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**—Boxing: Chad Dawson vs. Antonio Tarver, heavyweights, at Las Vegas (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 8:30 p.m.**—MLB: Kansas City at L.A. Angels (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 11:30 p.m.**—MLS: FC Dallas at Houston (dld).

**Monday**  
**AFN-Xtra, 1:30 a.m.**—MLB: Atlanta at Philadelphia.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.**—MLB: St. Louis at Cincinnati.  
**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—Golf: PGA The Players Championship, final round, at Ponte Vedra Beach Fla.  
**AFN-Xtra, 4:30 a.m.**—NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, L.A. Lakers at Houston, Game 4.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 6 a.m.**—NHL playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Anaheim at Detroit, Game 5.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 8:30 a.m.**—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Carolina at Boston, Game 5.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Boston at Orlando, Game 4.  
**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—MLB: Tampa Bay at Boston.  
**AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.**—MLB: Texas at Chicago White Sox (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.**—Golf: PGA The Players Championship, final round, at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. (dld).  
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AP spotlight

**May 10**  
1913 — Donerail, ridden by Roscoe Goose, comes from fifth place in the stretch to upset Ten Point by one-half length and win the Kentucky Derby, paying a record \$184.90.  
1919 — Sir Barton, ridden by Johnny Loftus, leads the whole way to win the Kentucky Derby by five lengths over Billy Kelly. Sir Barton, the first to capture the Triple Crown, is one of three maidens to win the Derby.  
1969 — Plans for the NFL-AFL merger are completed. The NFL will consist of two conferences — the AFC and NFC — with 13 teams. The NFL will move three franchises, Baltimore, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, to the AFC.  
1970 — Bobby Orr's goal gives Boston its first Stanley Cup in 29 years. The Bruins beat the St. Louis Blues 4-3 for a four-game sweep.  
1973 — The New York Knicks win the NBA title in five games with a 102-93 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.  
1992 — Sweden wins its second straight world hockey championship with a 5-2 victory over Finland.  
1995 — Joe Bolden speeds to a mark of 9.89 seconds in the 100 meters at the Modesto Relays, becoming the sixth man in history to go faster than 9.90 seconds.  
2001 — The NFL folds after one season. The football league, founded by the World Wrestling Federation and jointly owned by NBC, was a TV ratings disappointment.  
2002 — Boston and Detroit play the lowest-scoring game in the NBA playoffs since the shot clock was introduced in the 1954-55 season. The Celtics edge the Pistons 66-64; the 130 points beat the previous low of 142 registered three times.  
2005 — Miami's Dwyane Wade becomes the fifth player in NBA history with at least 30 points, 15 assists and five rebounds in a playoff game, joining Magic Johnson, Jerry West, Walt Frazier and Oscar Robertson. Wade's 31 points, 15 assists and seven rebounds lead the Heat to a 108-102 victory over Washington.

Golf

**Players Championship**  
**Thursday**  
**At TPC Sawgrass, Players Stadium Course, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.**  
**Purse: \$9.5 million**  
**Yardage: 7,215; Par: 72 (36-36)**  
**First Round**  
Ben Crane 32-33—65 -7  
John Mallinger 33-33—66 -6  
Richard S. Johnson 34-32—66 -6  
Alex Cejka 34-33—67 -5  
Jonathan Byrd 35-32—67 -5  
Scott Verplank 36-31—67 -5  
Retief Goosen 35-32—67 -5  
David Toms 34-33—67 -5  
Ian Poulter 35-32—67 -5  
Brad Adonis 35-32—67 -5  
Camilo Villegas 35-32—67 -5  
Bubba Watson 34-33—67 -5  
Jason Dufner 34-33—67 -5  
Jeev M. Singh 33-35—68 -4  
Nick O'Hern 33-35—68 -4  
John Rollins 35-33—68 -4  
Henrik Stenson 33-35—68 -4  
Nick Watney 35-33—68 -4  
Tim Petrovic 36-32—68 -4  
Jim Furyk 36-33—69 -3  
Johns Wagner 35-34—69 -3  
Mark Wilson 34-36—70 -2  
Fredrik Jacobson 35-35—70 -2  
Ken Duke 34-36—70 -2  
Stewart Cink 35-35—70 -2  
Justin Leonard 37-33—70 -2  
Charley Hoffman 34-36—70 -2  
George McNeill 36-34—70 -2  
Justin Rose 35-35—70 -2  
Billy Mayfair 36-34—70 -2  
Soren Kjeldsen 35-35—70 -2  
John Merrick 38-32—70 -2  
Stephen Ames 35-35—70 -2  
Geoff Ogilvy 36-34—70 -2  
Paul Casey 35-35—70 -2  
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Jason Bohn 35-37—72 E  
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Vaughn Taylor 37-35—72 E  
Briny Baird 34-38—72 E  
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Pro hockey

**NHL playoffs**  
**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-seven)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Boston vs. Carolina**  
Boston 4, Carolina 1  
Carolina 3, Boston 0  
**Wednesday:** Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT, Carolina leads series 2-1  
**Friday:** Boston at Carolina  
**Sunday:** Carolina at Boston  
**Tuesday, May 12:** Boston at Carolina\*  
**Thursday, May 14:** Carolina at Boston\*  
**Washington vs. Pittsburgh**  
Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2  
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3  
**Wednesday:** Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3, OT, Washington leads series 2-1  
**Friday:** Washington at Pittsburgh  
**Saturday:** Pittsburgh at Washington  
**Monday:** Washington at Pittsburgh\*  
**Wednesday, May 13:** Pittsburgh at Washington\*  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Detroit vs. Anaheim**  
Detroit 3, Anaheim 2  
Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, 3OT  
Anaheim 2, Detroit 1  
**Thursday:** Detroit 6, Anaheim 3, series tied 2-2  
**Sunday:** Anaheim at Detroit  
**Tuesday, May 12:** Detroit at Anaheim  
**Thursday, May 14:** Anaheim at Detroit\*  
**Vancouver vs. Chicago**  
Vancouver 5, Chicago 3  
Chicago 6, Vancouver 3  
Vancouver 3, Chicago 1, Vancouver leads series 2-1  
Chicago 2, Vancouver 1, OT, series tied 2-2  
**Saturday:** Chicago at Vancouver  
**Monday:** Vancouver at Chicago  
**Thursday, May 14:** Chicago at Vancouver\*  
\*—if necessary

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Trevor Immelman 38-35—73 +1  
Fred Funk 39-34—73 +1  
Ernie Els 35-38—73 +1  
Y.E. Yang 38-35—73 +1  
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Paul Casey 39-39—73 +1  
Kenny Perry 36-37—73 +1  
Sean O'Hair 36-37—73 +1  
Jerry Kelly 39-34—73 +1  
Anthony Kim 34-39—73 +1  
Jeff Quinney 36-37—73 +1  
Lucas Glover 36-37—73 +1

Michelob Ultra Open

**Thursday**  
**At Kingsmill Resort & Spa, River Course Williamsburg, Va.**  
**Purse: \$2.2 million**  
**Yardage: 6,315; Par: 71 (36-35)**  
**a-amateur**  
**First Round**  
Lorena Ochoa 32-32—64 -7  
Lindsay Wright 33-32—65 -6  
Hee-Won Han 34-31—66 -5  
Sarah Lee 33-33—66 -5  
Minea Blomqvist 36-30—66 -5  
Seon Hwa Lee 34-33—67 -4  
Na Yeon Choi 33-34—67 -4  
Amy Yang 34-34—68 -3  
Hye Jung Choi 35-33—68 -3  
Kris Annulis 35-33—68 -3  
Suzann Pettersen 35-33—68 -3  
Angela Stanford 35-33—68 -3  
In-Kyung Kim 34-34—68 -3  
Chella Choi 35-33—68 -3  
Beth Bader 33-33—69 -2  
Il Mi Chung 34-35—69 -2  
Sarah Kemp 35-34—69 -2  
Diana D'Alessio 36-33—69 -2  
Vicky Hurst 37-32—69 -2  
Cristie Kerr 35-35—69 -2  
Momoko Ueda 34-35—69 -2  
Song-Hee Kim 35-34—69 -2  
Teresa Lu 34-35—69 -2  
Brittany Lang 34-35—69 -2  
Mika Miyazato 37-32—69 -2  
Irene Cho 35-34—69 -2  
Shiho Oyama 38-31—69 -2  
Janice Moodie

Italian Open

**Thursday**  
**At Royal Park I Roveri Course Turin, Italy**  
**Purse: \$1.74 million**  
**Yardage: 7,222; Par: 71**  
**First Round, Leading Scores**  
Gareth Maybin 34-30—64  
Christian Sever 33-33—67  
Raphael Jacquelin 31-33—67  
Richie Ramsay 31-36—67  
Marcus Higley 32-35—67  
Thomas Aiken 33-35—68  
Matteo Delpodio 33-35—68  
Garry Houston 34-34—68  
Shiv Kapur 33-35—68  
Francesco Molinari 34-34—68  
Ake Nilsson 32-36—68  
Brett Rumford 34-34—68  
Ulrich Van Den Berg 35-33—68  
Daniel Vancsik 33-35—68  
Anthony Walz 34-34—68  
Fabrizio Zanotti 33-35—68

Thursday

**Blackhawks 2, Canucks 1 (OT)**  
**Vancouver** 0 1 0 0—1  
**Chicago** 0 0 1 1—2  
**Second Period**—1, Vancouver, Hordichuk 1 (Rypien, R.Johnson), 8:32.  
**Third Period**—2, Chicago, Havlat 4 (Ladd, Bolland), 17:16.  
**Overtime**—3, Chicago, Ladd 2 (Bolland, Havlat), 2:52.  
**Shots on Goal**—Vancouver 4-6-4-1—15. Chicago 8-9-7-4—28.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Vancouver 0 of 1; Chicago 0 of 2.  
**Goals**—Vancouver, Luongo 6-2-0 (28 shots-26 saves). Chicago, Khabibulin 6-4-0 (15-14).  
A—22,682 (20,500). T—2:43.

Red Wings 6, Ducks 3

**Detroit** 2 2 2—6  
**Anaheim** 1 1 1—3  
**First Period**—1, Anaheim, Perry 5 (Pronger), :42, 2, Detroit, Franzen 5 (Filipula, Ericsson), 11:49, 3, Detroit, Franzen 6 (Kronwall), 19:24.  
**Second Period**—4, Anaheim, Perry 6 (Getzlaf), 11:03, 5, Detroit, Hossa 3 (Franzen), 16:02, 6, Detroit, Hossa 4 (Lidstrom, Filppula), 19:04 (pp).  
**Third Period**—7, Detroit, Samuelsson 2 (Maltby), 2:46, 8, Anaheim, S.Niedermayer 3 (Perry, Getzlaf), 10:03 (pp), 9, Detroit, Zetterberg 5 (Leblad), 17:27 (en).  
**Shots on Goal**—Detroit 11-20-9—40. Anaheim 9-13-6—28.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Detroit 1 of 5; Anaheim 1 of 3.  
**Goals**—Detroit, Osgood 6-2-0 (28 shots-25 saves). Anaheim, Hiller 6-4-0 (33-28), Giguere (2:46 third, 6-6).  
A—17,601 (17,174). T—2:31.

Tennis

**Estoril Open**  
**At Estadio Nacional Oeiras, Portugal**  
**Purse: Men, \$599,000 (WT250); Women, \$220,000 (Int'l.)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Quarterfinals**  
**Friday**  
Nikolay Davydenko (2), Russia, def. Mardy Fish (6), United States, 6-4, 6-3.  
Paul Capdeville, Chile, def. Oscar Hernandez, Spain, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.  
Albert Montanes (7), Spain, def. Gilles Simon (1), France, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (4).  
James Blake (4), United States, def. Florent Serra (8), France, 6-4, 6-1.  
**Women**  
**Semifinals**  
Ekaterina Makarova (6), Russia, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld (8), Germany, 6-3, 6-1.  
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Shahar Peer (7), Israel, 3-0, ret.  
**Thursday**  
**Singles**  
**Men**  
**Second Round**  
Albert Montanes (7), Spain, def. Simon Greul, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.  
James Blake (4), United States, def. Marc Gicquel, France, 7-6 (5), 6-2.  
Florent Serra (8), France, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.  
Gilles Simon (1), France, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-0, 7-5.  
**Women**  
**Quarterfinals**  
Ekaterina Makarova (6), Russia, def. Maria Kirilenko (2), Russia, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.  
Anna-Lena Groenefeld (8), Germany, def. Sabine Lisicki (4), Germany, 6-2, retired.  
Shahar Peer (7), Israel, def. Jarmila Groth, Slovakia, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3.  
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Sorana Cirstea (3), Romania, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

Serbian Open

**Thursday**  
**At SRPC Milan Gale Muskatirovic Belgrade, Serbia**  
**Purse: \$599,000 (WT250)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Second Round**  
Andreas Seppi (4), Italy, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 6-1.  
Marcos Daniel, Brazil, def. Ivan Ljubicic (6), Croatia, 6-4, 6-3.  
Flavio Cipolla, Italy, def. Arnaud Clement (7), France, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.  
Ivo Karlovic (2), Croatia, def. Brian Dabul, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Munich Open

**Friday**  
**At MTTC Iphitos Munich**  
**Purse: \$599,000 (WT250)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Quarterfinals**  
Daniel Brands, Germany, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 6-4, 1-1, retired.  
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu (7), France, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.  
Tomas Berdych (4), Czech Republic, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).  
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Marin Cilic (2), Croatia, 7-6 (2), 6-4.  
**Thursday**  
**Second Round**  
Potito Starace, Italy, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (5).  
Daniel Brands, Germany, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (6).  
Tomas Berdych (4), Czech Republic, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4).  
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4.

Italian Open

**Friday**  
**At Foro Italico Rome**  
**Purse: \$2 million (Premier)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Semifinals**  
Svetlana Kuznetsova (7), Russia, def. Victoria Azarenka (6), Belarus, 6-2, 6-4.  
**Thursday**  
**Singles**  
**Quarterfinals**  
Svetlana Kuznetsova (7), Russia, def. Jelena Jankovic (3), Serbia, 6-1, 7-6 (3).  
Victoria Azarenka (6), Belarus, def. Kaia Kanepi (16), Estonia, 7-6 (5), 6-3.  
Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.  
Venus Williams (4), United States, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (10), Poland, 6-1, 6-2.

Thursday's scores

**EAST**  
Thiel 11, Thomas More 5  
**MIDWEST**  
Wayne St., Neb. 8, Augustana 7

Deals

**Thursday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
MLB—Suspended L.A. Dodgers OF Manny Ramirez 50 games for violating major league baseball's joint drug prevention and treatment program.  
**American League**  
**BOSTON RED SOX**—Activated OF Rocco Baldelli from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Jonathan Van Every to Pawtucket (IL).  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Designated RHP Vinnie Chulk for assignment. Recalled LHP Jeremy Sowers from Columbus (IL). Sent INF Tony Graffanino outright to Columbus.  
**National League**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS**—Fired Bob Melvin manager. Announced the resignation of Rick Schu hitting coach and Bryan Price pitching coach.  
**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Promoted controller Chip Moore to chief financial officer.  
**FLORIDA MARLINS**—Optioned LHP Graham Taylor to Jacksonville (SL). Recalled RHP Carlos Martinez from New Orleans (PCL).  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS**—Recalled OF Xavier Paul from Albuquerque (AAA).  
**NEW YORK METS**—Placed LHP Oliver Perez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 3. Recalled LHP Jonathon Niese from Buffalo (IL).  
**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**—Placed OF Rick Ankiel on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 5. Recalled OF Shane Robinson from Memphis (PCL).  
**WASHINGTON NATIONALS**—Purchased the contract of LHP Ron Villone from Syracuse (IL). Designated LHP Mike Hinckley for assignment.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
NBA—Suspended Orlando G. Rafer Alston and L.A. Lakers G Derek Fisher for one game each, without pay, for their roles in separate incidents in games on May 6. Assessed a flagrant foul penalty of L.A. Lakers G Kobe Bryant for elbowing Houston F Ron Artest in the chest in a game on May 6.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed S Roy Williams. Traded DT Orin Harris to St. Louis for RB Brian Leonard.  
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed WR Keith Eloi. Released P Zac Atterberry.  
**Canadian Football League**  
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed K Dan Giancola.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed D Erik Karlsson.  
**COLLEGE**  
CENTRAL MICHIGAN—Named Willie Randolph director of men's and women's track and field and cross country.  
CHATTANOOGA—Announced sophomore QB B.J. Coleman is transferring from Tennessee.  
ELON—Named Tim Sweeney men's assistant basketball coach.  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN—Named Steve Smith, Chris Kreider and Pershin Williams men's assistant basketball coaches.  
MARIST—Named Alisa Kresge women's assistant basketball coach.  
MONTANA—Named Freddie Owens men's assistant basketball coach.

**Soccer**  
**MLS**  
**Eastern Conference**  

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United	3	1	4	13	12	10
Toronto FC	3	2	3	12	10	10
Chicago	2	4	1	13	10	10
Kansas City	3	3	2	11	10	9
New England	2	2	2	8	5	11
Columbus	0	2	5	5	8	12
New York	1	5	2	5	5	10

  
**Western Conference**  

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chivas USA	6	1	1	19	11	3
Seattle FC	4	2	1	13	10	4
Colorado	3	2	2	11	10	8
Real Salt Lake	3	3	1	10	14	10
Houston	2	2	2	8	6	5
Los Angeles	1	1	5	8	9	9
San Jose	1	4	2	5	7	12
FC Dallas	1	5	1	4	7	14

  
**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Friday's game**  
San Jose at New York  
**Saturday's games**  
Kansas City at Columbus  
Toronto FC at D.C. United  
New England at Chicago  
FC Dallas at Houston  
Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA  
**Sunday's game**  
Los Angeles at Seattle  
**WPS**  

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	3	1	1	10	6	2
Boston	3	2	0	9	8	8
Chicago	2	0	2	8	6	1
FC Gold Pride	2	2	1	7	7	7
Washington	1	2	2	5	9	12
Saint Louis	0	2	2	3	3	6
Sky Blue FC	0	2	2	2	1	4

  
**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Saturday's game**  
FC Gold Pride at Saint Louis  
**Sunday's games**  
Boston at Los Angeles  
Sky Blue FC at Chicago

# Sports: Manny the talk in clubhouses around Major League Baseball

## SPORTS, FROM BACK PAGE

League Baseball. And you hope that each time this happens that others will recognize, if they are doing it, and stop. But, regrettably, it happens over and over again."

Tampa Bay pitcher Scott Kazmir wondered, as he watched the coverage on television, "Who else is going to be popped, you know?"

At Fenway Park, where Ramirez played through his prime and became Boston's first World Series MVP, the writer of his authorized biography happened to be giving a lunchtime talk when the news broke. Jean Rhodes, the author of "Becoming Manny: Inside the Life of Baseball's Most Enigmatic Slugger," painted Ramirez as a quirky craftsman who gave off an air of apathy but was diligent in his preparations.

That's also what Cincinnati Reds pitcher Bronson Arroyo saw when he played with Ramirez on the 2004 team that ended Boston's 86-year World Series drought.

"It's kind of shocking that he got caught up in anything, honestly," Arroyo said. "Manny likes to play stupid, but he's a pretty bright guy. And he's definitely aware of a lot of things that he tries to act like he's completely oblivious to."

When Boston's clubhouse opened Thursday afternoon, TVs were giving the latest developments and few players milled about.

"No comment about Manny," slugger David Ortiz said, walking past reporters at his locker. "I play for Boston. Manny plays for L.A. Go and ask him."

During his pregame meeting with the media, manager Terry Francona deflected three attempts for comment on Ramirez, offering only: "The more you can concentrate on baseball, the better."

The fourth question was about injuries.

"Bless you," he told the reporter. "Thank God we've got injuries."

Ramirez's quirky side made him a fan favorite during his early years in Boston, and it might have helped him become the Hall of Fame-caliber player who seemed

unaffected by strikeouts, home runs and paychecks alike. But his uncaring attitude eventually wore thin on his teammates, and he was shipped to Los Angeles last summer.

He batted .396 for the Dodgers with 17 homers and 53 RBIs in 53 games and helped propel them to the playoffs.

"He's a main cog, and he's not going to be in play for a while," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "Any distance we might've picked up, we lost as an industry. The sad part of it is that for whatever reasons there are individuals that just aren't getting it. ... There are so many guys that are clean, but they continue to be thrown under a black cloud for those who are involved. ... That saddens me, saddens me as a father, it saddens me as a citizen."

Angels manager Mike Scioscia took the same approach.

"You can use a lot of words. It's disappointing, unfortunate," he said. "It's an issue that it seems like a generation of players are upset with."

Former Ramirez teammate Tony Clark, now with the Diamondbacks, agreed.

"Any time you have the superstars in your game find themselves in difficult situations, it can't help but cast a general cloud over the group as a whole," he said. "And that's why someone as respected and appreciated for his ability as Manny is makes it really difficult. As a fan, as a former teammate and obviously now as a competitor, it makes it difficult."

Tigers manager Jim Leyland offered another view. He said the suspension would soon be forgotten by the fans who cheered on the 1998 home run race and Bonds' pursuit of Hank Aaron's all-time homer record.

"I'll probably get fired for saying this but I'm going to say it anyway," Leyland said. "I don't really think the fans care."

AP Sports Writers Howard Ulman in Boston, Tom Withers in Cleveland, Dave Skretta in New York, Bernie Wilson in San Diego, Joe Kay in Cincinnati, Pat Graham in Denver, Tim Reynolds and Steve Wine in Miami and Associated Press Writer Donna Cassata in Washington contributed to this report.



**Former major leaguer Jose Canseco pauses during a news conference in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Thursday. Canseco, who believes he has been unfairly singled out because he detailed steroid use, including his own, in professional baseball, said that it's time for an investigation into what roles Major League Baseball and the players' union played in the proliferation of steroids.**

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# Canseco not surprised by Ramirez suspension

BY GREG RISLING

The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Jose Canseco has spoken, but is anyone listening anymore?

The former slugger has gained credibility in some circles after naming names and detailing steroid use around professional baseball in two tell-all memoirs.

But on Thursday, after Major League Baseball suspended Dodgers slugger Manny Ramirez for 50 games for violating its drug policies, Canseco spoke to a near-empty ballroom at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Only one reporter from The Associated Press, Canseco's lawyer, a photographer and four camera crews attended the news conference. All but two of the 100 seats were empty.

It was probably fitting that Canseco was dressed all in black, given the news about Ramirez was the latest public relations mess for baseball officials. Canseco was visibly upset about being forced out of the game and can't believe other players aren't meeting a similar fate.

"I didn't get a second chance, I didn't get a fine," Canseco said. "I didn't get the chance these play-

ers are getting these days."

Despite that animosity, Canseco said players have endured enough embarrassment over the steroid scandal and now it's time to investigate what role MLB brass and the players' association played in it.

"It's a complete conspiracy," Canseco said. "The truth has to come out."

Canseco said that MLB officials, the players' union and others profited from the success of players who used steroids, knew what was going on, and have failed to do anything about it.

Canseco added he wasn't surprised that Ramirez tested positive and maintains other players of his era juiced.

"Any MVP or any great player before the pre-testing era is probably suspect in the sense of using steroids or acquiring steroids," he said.

Ramirez's ban was based on evidence he used human chorionic gonadotropin, a female fertility drug, a person familiar with the suspension told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because those details had not been released.

Asked why the Dodgers star might've taken it, Canseco of-

fered a general explanation.

"It could be that a player used it because he used steroids and went cold turkey and needed HCG to get his (testosterone) levels back to normal," Canseco told The Associated Press by telephone earlier in the day. "I had to use it when I quit steroids cold turkey. I had to go to a doctor to get it and get my levels back."

Last November, the former AL MVP pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor of trying to bring HCG across the Mexican border into the United States. He was sentenced to 12 months of unsupervised probation.

Baseball added HCG to its banned substances last year.

Canseco's attorney, Dennis Holahan, said the time of shaming his client should come to an end. But Canseco knows it will be difficult to overcome the perception by the public and his former employer.

"I am wearing and I will wear the scarlet letter until I die," he said. "I have paid the price beyond any other player has actually paid."

AP Baseball Writer Ronald Blum in New York and AP Sports Writer Dan Gelston in Philadelphia contributed to this report.

# HCG, popular among steroid users, has other uses

BY RACHEL COHEN

The Associated Press

The banned substance linked to Manny Ramirez is commonly taken by steroid users but can be prescribed for other conditions.

A person familiar with the details of the suspension said Ramirez used the female fertility drug HCG, or human chorionic gonadotropin. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the banned substance hadn't been announced.

HCG, added to baseball's banned substances last year, is

popular among users of performance-enhancing drugs because it can mitigate the side effects of ending a cycle of steroids. The body might stop producing testosterone when a user goes off steroids, and that can cause sperm counts to decrease and testicles to shrink.

"They use [HCG] to essentially jump-start testosterone production," said Ruth Wood, an expert in steroid abuse at the University of Southern California.

The drug could have appropriate uses unconnected to steroid abuse, said Dr. Gary Wadler, who leads the committee that deter-

mines banned substances for the World Anti-Doping Agency. HCG can treat male infertility and testosterone deficiency, he said.

"It's not necessarily the drug of choice, but those are acceptable uses," Wadler said.

Ramirez said in a statement he did not take steroids but that a doctor gave him medication for "a personal health issue."

Every baseball player is tested each year within five days of reporting to spring training and again at a randomly selected unannounced date.

There are 1,200 additional unannounced tests of randomly se-

lected players, including up to 375 during the offseasons from 2008 through the start of spring training in 2011.

"We have no knowledge of the Ramirez case, but it's highly unlikely an otherwise healthy, young athlete would need HCG for a legitimate medical reason," said U.S. Anti-Doping Agency CEO Travis Tygart. "That said, if there was valid medical need, his high-priced representatives should be fired for not ensuring that he was informed of the process that could have granted him permission to use it."

Athletes in the BALCO scandal

have been linked to the female fertility drug Clomid.

Side effects of HCG include headache, mood swings and depression, Wadler said. The anti-doping community has been familiar with HCG for more than 20 years, he added.

HCG is prescribed to treat infertility in women by triggering ovulation. The hormone naturally occurs in pregnant women — home pregnancy kits test for one portion of the HCG molecule, Wood said.

AP Baseball Writer Ron Blum in New York and National Writer Eddie Pells in Colorado Springs, Colo., contributed to this report.

# Red Sox say suspension won't taint titles

By HOWARD ULMAN  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Manny Ramirez hit cleanup on the Boston Red Sox's two championship teams this decade. Some of his teammates on those clubs say his suspension for using a banned substance won't tarnish those titles.

"Everyone's entitled to their opinion, but I don't feel like our '07 season was tainted," Mike Lowell said Thursday night. "This is still a 25-man team."

Ramirez was MVP of Boston's World Series sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals that gave the Red Sox their first title in 86 years in 2004. He also had one of his best seasons that year, hitting .308 with 43 homers and 130 RBIs.

"It's not like we wouldn't be the world champions if, whatever this is that's going on," 2008 AL MVP Dustin Pedroia said. "I don't think it tarnishes any of that stuff."

On Thursday, Ramirez was suspended for 50 games for violating baseball's performance-enhancing drug policy. Several Red Sox players said they didn't know if he used such substances when he played for Boston from 2001 until he was sent to the Los Angeles Dodgers last July.

"I have no idea," said Lowell, the MVP of the 2007 World Series against the Colorado Rockies. "He's a phenomenal hitter and I never saw anything, so I defer to asking Manny that question."

Pedroia was one of several teammates who said they were surprised by the positive test.

"That's the furthest thing you think of," he said. "I worked out with him at the beginning of '08 and I know his work ethic



*"Everyone's entitled to their opinion, but I don't feel like our '07 season was tainted. This is still a 25-man team."*

**Mike Lowell (left)**

Boston Red Sox  
third baseman

"No comment about Manny," said David Ortiz, who hit one spot in front of Ramirez in the lineup. Then, he relented and said he was surprised and sad for Ramirez.

Players receive a list of banned substances and can send a sample of any supplement to Major League Baseball for testing if they question its contents, said Jason Bay, who came to the Red Sox as Ramirez's replacement in left field in a three-team deal.

Ortiz said "you've definitely got to be careful" but the list of banned substances given to players is "a little confusing."

Papelbon disagreed.

"It's really easy, actually," he said. "They make a pamphlet for you in Spanish and English and you just read it and you know what not to take."

Lowell is baffled that a player, knowing he will be tested, would risk using a substance that could be banned.

"I don't understand why now anyone would even come close to taking anything that could remotely result in a positive test," he said.

Might it be stupidity?

"I would lean toward that," Lowell said.

and he knows what to put into his body, the good things. It's a little shocking."

With Ramirez gone, the impact on the Red Sox wasn't as strong as it might have been.

"He's not in our clubhouse anymore so this is something that we're not even worried about," closer Jonathan Papelbon said.

It is another blow for baseball following the links to banned substances of Alex Rodriguez, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and other stars.

"Another big-name guy," Lowell said of Ramirez. "It's just another black eye for the game. ... It's hard for Major League Baseball to try to glorify guys that they think are doing it right because we don't know."

"We keep finding these guys [using banned substances] and I think the message is terrible, especially for young kids who might aspire to be major league baseball players."

Several players were reluctant at first to discuss Ramirez's suspension.

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## NL roundup

# Nats stun Dodgers as Manny sits

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The team with the worst record in baseball handed the Los Angeles Dodgers their first home loss of the season. Manny Ramirez had nothing to do with it — or maybe everything.

Nick Johnson and Adam Dunn each drove in three runs and the Washington Nationals rallied for 10 runs in the final three innings to beat the Dodgers 11-9 Thursday night, the first day of Ramirez's 50-game drug suspension.

"We would've chosen a different way to lose than that," said Dodgers starter Randy Wolf, who was staked to a 6-0 lead in the first inning. "We have to start a new streak tomorrow. But April and May records are pretty meaningless. It's how you end a season, not how you begin it. We can't lose sight of the big picture."

That's where Ramirez comes in. The enigmatic slugger was suspended for violating baseball's rules governing use of performance-enhancing drugs. Barring postponements, the 12-time All-Star left fielder and 2004 World Series MVP will be able to return July 3 at San Diego.

"This is a team. This is not the 'Los Angeles Mannys,'" said injured first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, a teammate of Ramirez on Boston's 2004 World Series team. "Manny's a big part of our team. But as far as the team goes, this is a tremendous opportunity for us to prove to people that we're not just Manny and 24 other guys."

Manager Joe Torre held a closed-door meeting with his players and coaches before batting practice to discuss how they will deal with the loss of Ramirez. The Dodgers responded by scoring six runs in the first off rookie Jordan Zimmermann, the highlight being Matt Kemp's grand slam. It appeared certain Los Angeles would add a 14th straight home victory from the start of the season, especially after Wolf allowed five hits over six innings and left with a 6-1 lead.

"Six runs is a good number, and Wolfie battled through six," Torre said. "It's an emotional thing, but I had a sense they'd be ready to play. Our bullpen for the first time just didn't do the job. We had guys who were rested. We just didn't get it done."

Josh Willingham homered for the Nationals, who had lost 10 straight at Dodger Stadium. Ryan Zimmerman was 2-for-4, extending the longest hitting streak in the majors to 25 games.

"Those guys had something special going on over here, but we were able to stop their winning streak at home," Nats manager Manny Acta said. "I think that counts for a lot, especially after we were already trailing 6-0. It's a huge comeback and a very good win for us."

Cristian Guzman began Washington's late rally with a run-scoring groundout in the seventh, and Will Ohman surrendered Dunn's two-run double two batters later. Cory Wade (0-2) gave up a two-run double to Austin Kearns, who batted for Ron Villone (1-0).

One out later, Johnson greeted rookie Brent Leach with another two-run double for an 8-6 lead, and the pesky Nats capped the rally with RBI singles by Dunn and Elijah Dukes.

Villone, whose contract was purchased from Triple-A Syracuse earlier in the day, pitched a scoreless seventh.

Zimmermann lasted six in-

nings, giving up six runs and six hits with four strikeouts and three walks in his third start.

"The biggest star of the night was Jordan Zimmermann," Acta said. "The fact that he gave us five shutout innings after those six runs in the first just says a lot about this kid. He forgot about all the runs he gave up and was just tremendous after that. He could have just rolled over and played dead."

**Mets 7, Phillies 5:** Carlos Beltran and David Wright hit two-run homers in the first inning, helping host New York to its season-high fourth straight victory. Jose Reyes added a solo shot in the second off Jamie Moyer (3-2).

Mike Pelfrey (4-0) beat the Phillies for the second time this month. Francisco Rodriguez got his ninth save.

**Reds 6, Brewers 5:** At Cincinnati, Micah Owings pitched six innings and had a tiebreaking triple. The Reds needed everything they could get from Owings (2-3), their fifth starter and occasional pinch hitter. The lineup was missing two starters with the flu.

Owings' run-scoring triple off

Braden Looper (2-2) helped him turn a 6-5 lead over to the bullpen. Francisco Cordero retired the three batters he faced in the ninth, remaining perfect in eight save chances.

**Giants 8, Rockies 3:** At Denver, Bengie Molina homered twice and Matt Cain threw six innings of one-hit ball. Molina was hitless in 12 career at-bats against Jason Marquis (4-2) before lining a solo homer to left-center in the second and crushing a two-run shot to right in the third.

Cain (3-1) fought his control early, walking four in the first two innings, then retired nine of the last 10 batters.

**Padres 4, Diamondbacks 3 (10):** At San Diego, David Eckstein singled in the winning run with one out in the 10th. The Diamondbacks fired manager Bob Melvin after the game.

Cla Meredith (4-0) pitched a perfect 10th for the victory.

**Cubs 8, Astros 5:** At Houston, Alfonso Soriano homered twice to lead Chicago to a two-game sweep. Ted Lilly (4-2) allowed four hits and two runs with five strikeouts in six innings.

## Dodgers: Team will see how good it is without star

### DODGERS, FROM BACK PAGE

too. I know he's the one that did the wrong thing and nobody is trying to cover that up, but it's still something that I know he's sorry about."

A few months ago, when contract negotiations were deadlocked with the slugger, catcher Russell Martin boldly insisted the team could win without him if he decided not to re-sign with the defending NL West champions.

Now, the Dodgers will get a chance to prove it.

"Do I still think we can win without him? I think he makes us a better team when he's with us, but without him we still have a good team and we're still capable of winning us some ballgames," Martin said Thursday. "He's one of the best hitters of all time, so it's definitely going to be tough. But what can you do? You've just got to move on and keep plugging away. You have to take it as a challenge, and that's what we're going to do."

Ramirez was batting .348 with six homers and 20 RBIs through



**Catcher Russell Martin, left, insisted during contract negotiations that the Dodgers could win without Manny Ramirez if he chose not to re-sign. Now that the slugger is suspended until July 3, the Dodgers will get to see if Martin was right.**

GUS RUELAS/AP

games by himself."

Seven players from the 1959 Dodgers were on hand Thursday night for a pregame ceremony to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their World Series title. But all the talk naturally centered on a guy who wasn't born until 1972.

"Hey, players know the consequences. You make the wrong decisions, you've got to pay," Bowa said. "I'm turned off by players who try to test the system. It just doesn't make any sense. When a guy makes a decision like that, he has to live by it. There's too many people you can go to for advice, like the team doctor or the trainer. And if you have any kind of doubt at all, you've got to go to them."

The Dodgers lead the San

Francisco Giants by 5½ games. Ramirez is eligible to return July 3, and the goal is to build that margin instead of just treading water.

"It's not like an injury, where we're playing a guessing game wondering when he's going to be coming back. We know we're getting him back on a certain date," right fielder Andre Ethier said.

"But we're not going to be looking forward to that date and saying if we just hold on until then, we'll be all right. We're going to keep going out there charging ahead and playing the game the way we've been doing the last couple of weeks here. We have enough depth, talent and confidence to keep moving on here."

Juan Pierre, who's been stuck on the bench since the Dodgers got Ramirez at the non-waiver trade deadline last July, will be the regular left fielder in his absence. But he isn't enjoying the circumstances surrounding his chance to play regularly again.

"I'll pray for him and his family that they get through this all OK, and I wish the best for them.

That's all I got," Pierre said.

Even before the first pitch of the game, Ramirez's suspension had a noticeable effect at the concession stands at Chavez Ravine. The Manny-style dreadlock hats had been pulled, along with the rest of the Manny-related memorabilia. Some vendors said they were instructed not to sell anything related to Ramirez until further notice.

Ramirez is 17th on the career list with 533 homers. His carefree attitude made him popular with fans, and there was evidence all over the city how much the image-conscious Dodgers were marketing him. At the corner of Figueroa and 8th streets, for example, is an above-ground parking garage with a gigantic sign, big as life, with "MANNYWOOD" on one side of the structure.

"You can't change what's happened," Mientkiewicz said. "But it doesn't change the way I feel about him as a person, as a teammate and as a player. We're a family in here, and one of our family members is not with us."

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## AL roundup

# Boston tee-off party abuses Tribe's pen

The Associated Press

BOSTON — A dozen batters went to the plate. Before the Red Sox made a single out in the sixth inning, every one of them had scored.

The most productive start to a major-league inning in 56 years boosted Boston to a 13-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday night.

"I think Mike Lowell got mad because he was the first one who made an out. It was a little funny," said Julio Lugo, who started the inning with a single. "We didn't realize that there were no outs and we already had 12 runs (until) somebody made an out."

For the Indians' beleaguered bullpen, it was more of the same trouble — a lot more.

"You've got to have people come up from the bullpen and get people out," manager Eric Wedge said. "It just can't keep happening. We've tried everybody."

Cleveland starter Jeremy Sowers (0-1) started the inning with a 2-1 lead but faltered quickly. He allowed three walks and three hits, Masa Kobayashi gave up five hits and Matt Herges served up Jason Bay's three-run homer before retiring the next three batters.

"It gets kind of crowded at the helmet rack," Boston's Jeff Bailey said. "I know that everybody wants to get up there."

Boston broke the AL record of 11 runs in an inning before making an out and tied the modern major-league mark of 12. It did that without three injured regu-



CHARLIE KRUPA/AP

Boston's Jason Bay, left, and Dustin Pedroia are congratulated after scoring on a single by Rocco Baldelli during the sixth inning Thursday night against the Cleveland Indians. The Red Sox scored 12 runs before recording an out in the inning and went on to post a 13-3 victory at Fenway Park.

lars — Kevin Youkilis, David Ortiz and Jacoby Ellsbury. They were replaced by Bailey, Lugo and Rocco Baldelli.

"It was pretty sweet, especially with a makeshift squad out there," said Bailey, who was re-

called from the minor leagues on April 22.

Bay drove in four runs in the inning with a homer and a double, and Baldelli, Bailey, George Kotaras and Dustin Pedroia drove in two each.

Baldelli's double snapped a 2-2 tie.

"You've got to give Rocco credit," Cleveland's Ryan Garko said. "That at-bat changed the game."

Tim Wakefield (4-1) allowed two runs in six innings and won

his fourth straight decision.

The Brooklyn Dodgers scored 12 runs before making an out in the eighth inning of a 16-2 victory at Philadelphia on May 24, 1953.

Detroit scored 11 runs in the sixth inning before making an out in a 19-1 victory over the New York Yankees on June 17, 1925.

**White Sox 6, Tigers 0:** Mark Buehrle (5-0) was perfect until Placido Polanco's one-out double in the seventh. A.J. Pierzynski and Jayson Nix homered as host Chicago ended a four-game skid.

**Athletics 9, Rangers 4:** At Oakland, Calif., Jack Cust hit a grand slam and Matt Holliday added a three-run shot. Bobby Crosby had three hits and drove in a run as the A's snapped a four-game skid and ended Texas' five-game winning streak.

Trevor Cahill (1-2) got his first major league victory, giving up a run and five hits in seven innings.

**Angels 6, Blue Jays 1:** Jered Weaver (3-1) allowed three hits in his first career complete game, retiring 18 of the last 19 batters. His only mistake was Aaron Hill's fourth-inning homer.

Mike Napoli gave the Angels a 2-0 lead in the second inning with his fifth homer.

**Orioles 5, Twins 4:** Lou Montanez singled in Melvin Mora with the tiebreaking run in the eighth as host Baltimore swept a two-game set. Mora and Aubrey Huff homered, and Gregg Zaun had three hits for Baltimore.

The Twins have lost three straight.

## Rays ride six home runs to victory over Yankees

BY DAVE SKRETTA  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carl Crawford hit the kind of home run that's becoming common at Yankee Stadium, a late shot that doomed New York to defeat.

For good measure, Evan Longoria belted one off Mariano Rivera that's never been hit before.

Crawford and Longoria hit consecutive homers in the ninth inning off the All-Star closer, the first time it's happened in Rivera's career, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat New York 8-6 on Thursday night for the Yankees' fifth consecutive loss.

"In that situation, you're really just hoping to get a runner on and advance him," said Longoria, who had two of Tampa Bay's six homers. "We just got him."

Rivera (0-1) had not given up consecutive homers in 862 games. He's given up four this season, matching his total for each of the previous two.

"I thought they were good pitchers, especially to Crawford, but he put good wood on the ball," said Rivera, who acknowledged that his velocity isn't back to normal

after having shoulder surgery last year. "The one to Longoria caught a little more of the plate."

Johnny Damon hit a tying, two-run homer in the eighth for New York — one of two Yankees home runs. There have been 47 homers hit at the new Yankee Stadium, 32 of them to right.

"People are going to wonder what's going on with the Yankees," manager Joe Girardi said. "This is a team effort. You can't blame one aspect of the club."

Brian Shouse (1-0) got the victory in relief and Joe Nelson got the final out for his first save.

Jason Bartlett, Ben Zobrist and Carlos Pena also went deep for Tampa Bay, which won its third straight for the first time this season. Pena's 13th homer came one night after his 10th-inning drive gave the Rays a 4-3 victory. Tampa Bay's first four homers came off Yankees starter Andy Pettitte, a career first for the veteran left-hander.

"I like that fact that when we play with that kind of intensity, it brings out the best in us," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "It's a good feeling, a nice feeling, to see us back on track."

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## Major League Baseball statistics

Through May 7										
American League										
TEAM BATTING										
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg				
Toronto	1130	190	330	41	181	.292				
Los Angeles	939	139	266	23	132	.283				
Texas	999	160	281	50	157	.281				
Boston	996	169	277	32	162	.278				
New York	1007	158	277	41	147	.275				
Cleveland	1019	158	276	33	142	.271				
Minnesota	975	124	263	19	114	.270				
Tampa Bay	1035	149	278	39	146	.269				
Baltimore	989	147	264	30	140	.267				
Kansas City	978	142	259	29	132	.265				
Seattle	995	120	260	22	114	.261				
Detroit	902	140	235	30	135	.261				
Chicago	915	121	238	30	118	.260				
Oakland	931	112	222	15	107	.238				
INDIVIDUAL BATTING										
Based on 96 plate appearances										
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg				
Youkilis Bos	89	23	35	6	20	.393				
VMartinez Cle	115	22	45	6	19	.391				
McCabrera Det	100	17	39	7	22	.390				
Longoria TB	114	24	42	10	38	.368				
AHill Tor	138	25	50	8	28	.362				
Callaspo KC	92	16	33	2	11	.359				
Markakis Bal	110	19	37	9	20	.356				
ADJones Bal	107	30	37	5	19	.346				
Bartlett TB	103	17	35	4	11	.340				
MYoung Tex	119	21	40	7	16	.336				
Lind Tor	119	20	38	6	29	.336				
ACabrera Cle	103	21	34	1	15	.330				
Abreu LAA	103	10	34	0	12	.330				
Byrd Tex	94	11	31	2	16	.316				
KSuzuki Oak	98	13	32	2	13	.327				
Kinsler Tex	120	23	39	9	25	.325				
Barajas Tor	87	10	28	2	15	.322				
Cano NYY	119	20	38	5	17	.319				
Pedroia Bos	117	27	37	1	11	.316				
ISuzuki Sea	95	9	30	2	9	.316				
Bay Bos	95	26	30	8	29	.316				
Damon NYY	105	20	33	7	19	.314				
Hunter LAA	99	23	31	8	21	.313				
Kubel Min	96	15	30	4	16	.313				
Morneau Min	113	19	35	6	22	.310				
Konerko CWS	100	15	31	3	20	.310				
Span Min	110	15	34	1	14	.309				
Rolen Tor	104	17	32	3	12	.308				
Elisbur TB	91	13	27	1	8	.291				
Brayan Sea	86	18	26	7	15	.302				
Teahen KC	104	18	31	4	12	.298				
Cust Oak	91	18	27	4	14	.297				
NCruz Tex	105	16	31	7	20	.295				
BRoberts Bal	119	23	35	4	11	.294				
Lowell Bos	113	17	33	6	26	.292				
Elisbur Bos	91	13	27	1	8	.291				
Dye CWS	93	15	27	7	16	.290				
HMatsui NYY	87	9	25	3	12	.287				
FGutierrez Sea	87	14	25	3	13	.287				
Butler KC	91	15	26	2	12	.286				
Iwamura TB	102	13	29	0	10	.284				
Betancourt Sea	102	7	29	1	12	.284				
CHernandez Sea	91	17	27	8	28	.281				
Canhills LAA	100	19	28	5	28	.280				
Scott Bal	93	11	26	5	15	.280				
Inge Det	90	20	25	8	19	.278				
WVells Tor	130	23	36	5	21	.277				
KMorales LAA	98	15	27	5	17	.276				
Jeter NYY	120	18	33	4	13	.275				
Fielder CWS	111	14	31	4	25	.274				
Polanco Det	110	13	30	0	12	.273				
Choo Cle	96	13	26	3	14	.271				
LOlopez Sea	108	13	29	2	17	.269				
Swisher NYY	90	21	24	7	19	.267				
CPena TB	109	19	29	13	30	.266				
Scutaro Tor	119	31	31	5	17	.261				
Cuddyer Min	100	12	26	2	14	.260				
Granderson Det	112	20	29	9	19	.259				
RSweeney Oak	112	16	29	1	6	.259				
Rios Tor	133	17	34	2	14	.256				
Jacobs KC	94	20	24	5	19	.255				
BFrancisco Cle	83	16	21	2	8	.253				
DeRosa Cle	120	21	30	6	21	.250				
DeJesus KC	104	12	26	3	14	.250				
Fielder CWS	94	19	24	1	11	.250				
JDrew Bos	88	15	22	3	14	.250				
Blalock Tex	102	16	25	7	19	.245				
Kendrick LAA	102	14	25	3	17	.245				
Quentin CWS	99	16	24	8	17	.242				
Overbay Tor	79	11	19	4	15	.241				
Burrell TB	96	8	23	1	13	.240				
Crisp KC	105	22	25	1	11	.238				
Sizemore Cle	120	17	28	6	22	.233				
Holliday Oak	103	12	24	4	20	.233				
OCabrera Oak	109	10	25	0	5	.229				
DOrtiz Bos	105	11	24	0	14	.229				
Ordonez Det	102	10	23	2	12	.225				
CDavis Tex	95	16	20	7	14	.211				
Aviles KC	95	8	20	1	8	.211				
AL Ramirez CWS	90	7	19	1	11	.211				
Peralta Cle	105	11	22	1	10	.210				
Giambi Oak	86	15	18	1	10	.209				
Wigginton Bal	96	5	20	1	10	.208				
Beltre Sea	116	11	24	0	12	.207				
CGuillen Det	90	11	18	0	6	.200				
Teixeira NYY	96	14	19	5	15	.198				
Navarro TB	91	10	17	4	18	.187				
Bupton TB	88	14	14	0	3	.159				



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

The Kansas City Royals' Zack Greinke is the pitching sensation of the young season, leading the major leagues with a 6-0 record, 54 strikeouts, three complete games, two shutouts and a 0.40 ERA.

TEAM PITCHING															
	ERA	H	ER	BB	S	Sh	Sv								
Kansas City	3.53	246	102	93	224	4	8	Niemah TB	29	31	18	16	2	5.65	
Oakland	3.83	242	104	106	166	0	6	Verlander Det	35	36	12	45	2	5.66	
Seattle	3.91	260	114	93	200	3	8	Padilla Tex	35	39	13	23	1	5.71	
Detroit	4.16	234	109	95	181	3	6	JakubaskasSea	25	26	6	11	1	5.76	
Toronto	4.20	272	133	102	224	0	6	Snonanstine TB	33	42	12	20	1	5.79	
Tampa Bay	4.52	253	132	115	189	1	7	BAnderson Oak	28	33	9	14	0	5.79	
Chicago	4.54	263	120	105	172	2	6	Davies KC	34	36	16	2	1	5.88	
Boston	4.70	267	135	116	223	0	8	Polanco KC	34	38	14	5	2	5.91	
Los Angeles	5.01	263	132	91	149	2	8	Kazmir TB	33	34	18	23	3	6.00	
Texas	5.27	271	146	99	150	0	9	McCarthy Tex	31	34	15	22	3	6.10	
Minnesota	5.39	280	151	79	172	0	4	Carmona Cle	35	39	17	21	1	6.11	
Baltimore	5.46	307	153	90	185	1	5	Floyd CWS	34	42	18	28	2	6.29	
New York	5.85	271	164	117	211	1	5	Harrison Tex	27	39	12	2	2	6.41	
Cleveland	6.09	297	172	114	180	0	7	Albaladejo NYY	14	20	10	5	2	6.42	
INDIVIDUAL PITCHING															
Based on 3 decisions															
	IP	H	BB	S	W	L	ERA								
Greinke KC	45	30	8	54	6	0	0.40	Beckett Bos	35	46	17	36	2	6.61	
Fraser Tor	11	7	1	6	4	0	0.79	Eaton Bal	26	34	10	23	1	7.18	
ABailey Oak	19	6	7	22	3	0	1.40	Eveland Oak	24	41	16	15	1	7.40	
Bannister KC	24	18	11	14	3	0	1.48	Farnsworth KC	8	11	4	0	3	7.56	
Baez Bal	16	7	5	13	2	1	2.30	Penry Bos	10	15	5	2	7.61		
Bedard Sea	38	34	6	39	2	1	2.37	Contreras CWS	26	34	14	14	0	8.31	
Braden Oak	36	37	13	24	3	2	2.50	CSilva Sea	29	38	9	10	1	8.48	
Buehrle CWS	38	30	11	24	5	0	2.61	SBaker Min	21	26	5	16	0	9.15	
JerWeaver LAA	41	31	9	31	3	1	2.66	Wang NYY	6	23	6	2	0	334.50	
Richmond Tor	30	25	12	26	4	0	2.67	National League							
Washburn Sea	40	33	9	28	3	2	2.68	TEAM BATTING							
Millwood Tex	45	37	8	25	3	2	2.78	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg		
Wakefield Bos	40	27	18	25	4	1	2.93	Los Angeles	1020	170	292	25	162	.286	
EJackson Det	38	32	10	28	1	2	3.08	New York	902	126	250	21	116	.277	
Saunders LAA	38	36	10	16	4	1	3.29	St. Louis	967	157	266	34	155	.275	
Halladay Tor	52	7	44	6	1	2.29	Washington	954	135	262	29	131	.275		
FHernandez Sea	40	37	10	45	4	1	3.38	Philadelphia	988	137	238	25	129	.251	
JShields TB	41	36	13	23	3	2	3.51	Atlanta	923	117	239	22	109	.259	
Garza TB	41	24	17	36	3	2	3.51	Colorado	901	139	232	37	134	.257	
Perkins Min	41	38	8	22	1	2	3.73	Milwaukee	967	141	249	35	140	.257	
Danks CWS	28	27	9	21	2	2	3.81	Houston	979	114	249	23	109	.256	
Canhills Oak	33	32	18	12	2	2	3.82	Pittsburgh	931	122	237	18	116	.252	
Coke NYY	12	9	4	9	1	2	3.86	Chicago	952	137	238	25	129	.251	
CLee Cle	39	50	10	28	14	4	3.92	Philadnati	925	111	229	24	105	.248	
Giese Oak	18	16	8	7	0	3	3.93	San Francisco	927	129	222	16	91	.247	
Colon CWS	27	28	9	19	2	2	4.05	San Diego	968	113	232	27	129	.240	
Galarraga Det	35	33	16	29	3	2	4.08	Florida	999	134	238	29	108	.238	
Meche KC	37	38	11	30	2	2	4.14	Arizona	953	105	212	30	100	.222	
Coux LAA	37	42	12	13	2	2	4.30	INDIVIDUAL BATTING							
Pettitte NYY	39	42	11	23	2	1	4.38	Based on 96 plate appearances							
Uehara Bal	37	35	7	27	2	3	4.42	AB	H	HR	RBI	Avg			
Miner Det	20	24	11	13	2	1	4.50	Beltran NYY	102	16	39	50	.2382		
Porcello Det	29	28	9	15	2	3	4.71	Votto Cin	100	15	37	3	.2370		
Sabathia NYY	39	39	15	24	1	3	4.85	Pujols STL	101	29	36	11	.2356		
Guthrie Bal	36	40	12	19	2	2	5.05	Helton Col	93	13	33	3	.1735		
Lester Bos	37	42	12	13	2	2	5.11	MRamirez LAD	92	22	32	6	.2048		
Lyon Det	12	12	4	1	2	5.11	Philadnati	102	16	39	50	.2382			
Hendrickson Bal	26	36	12	18	14	5.13	Hudson LAD	121	25	41	7	.1739			
Blackburn Min	35	44	10	13	2	5.19	ZimmermanWas	116	22	39	50	.2036			
CWilson Tex	12	16	8	1	2	5.25	NJohnson Was	100	18	33	2	.1330			
Morseon Bos	31	30	26	1	2	5.28	Braun Mil	101	17	33	6	.2437			
Liriano Min	34	46	19	14	1	5.30	FSanchez Pit	112	19	36	3	.1021			
Slowey Min	34	50	2	25	4	5.50	Y Molina STL	89	21	28	8	.2138			
LJewis Cle	15	8	6	13	2	5.52	DWright NYY	102	19	32	3	.1534			
							DMurphy NYY	86	17	27	3	.1134			

*"I did this because I love racing with all my heart and I love this race team and I'm having a blast driving the race car."*

**Mark Martin**  
on why, at age 50, he signed to drive the 2010 season for Hendrick Motorsports

# Mark Martin still has racing in his blood

**By PETE IACOBELLI**  
*The Associated Press*

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Mark Martin insists he didn't sign with Hendrick Motorsports to chase a NASCAR championship. Crew chief Alan Gustafson has other ideas.

He says that with Martin firmly in place, don't be surprised if the No. 5 Chevrolet gets into the title mix.

"We have the people to do it. I know we have the driver to do it. Things just have to go our way," Gustafson said Friday.

Martin and Gustafson are prepping for the Southern 500 at Darlington on Saturday night.

Martin, 50, re-upped with Hendrick for 2010, setting up the driver for a second consecutive full season only a few years after considering retirement.

"I did this because I love racing with all my heart and I love this race team and I'm having a blast driving the race car," Martin said.



**Mark Martin, 50, who considered retiring as a driver a few years ago, has climbed to 15th in points, 61 out of the 12th and final spot in NASCAR's Chase for the championship.**

That's shown this season. Martin broke a 97-race winless streak that stretched nearly four years when he took the checkered flag at Phoenix last month.

He's moved to 15th in points, 61 out of the 12th and final spot in NASCAR's Chase for the championship.

Martin said owner Rick Hendrick wanted to lock him in much earlier than this.

For the veteran racer, he had to make sure he meshed with his crew and had the same fire to compete as before.

Martin recalled his Roush Racing prime in July 1999 when he injured his wrist, knee and rib in a Daytona practice accident.

He raced in pain the next night to maintain his championship position.

"I allowed that points thing to affect how I felt about racing," Martin said.

It wasn't until Martin left Roush and scaled back his schedule that he rediscovered how much he enjoyed the sport.

"I'm going to keep it that way," Martin said.

"That requires a little bit more discipline by me. But I'm going to continue to race because I love to race."

After Martin's victory at Phoenix, it took just 60 seconds or so for both sides to agree on next season and keep him part of Hendrick's all-star garage with Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

With them as teammates, it "means I've got to pay attention every day if I want to

compete the way those guys do," Martin said.

Gustafson has been with the No. 5 team since 2000, joining as a shock specialist and rising to crew chief for Kyle Busch in 2005.

No matter what Martin says, Gustafson finds him as focused to succeed as any Cup driver.

"Mark had a great quote at the beginning of the year: 'I can't guarantee results, but I can guarantee the effort and the work that we're going to do.' That's just what we're looking at," Gustafson said.

Gustafson, 33, grew up admiring Martin's skill and work ethic and is excited about the opportunity to help him win a title.

"I don't think you accomplish anything bigger in your professional life than to win a championship at Hendrick Motorsports with Mark Martin. I think that's as good as it gets," Gustafson said.

"I'm going to do everything in my power to do it."

Pentagon

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TV Listing

Central	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12:00 AM	Recon Revisited	FNG	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report
12:15 AM	-	-	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report
12:30 AM	American Veteran, The	Recon	EXchange On Air	Recon	Balad and Beyond	Recon Revisited	Grill Sergeants, The
01:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
01:30 AM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
02:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	Tour of Duty	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Army Newswatch	Fit Hood On Track
02:30 AM	Army Newswatch	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Recon Revisited	EXchange On Air	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon
03:00 AM	Grill Sergeants, The	VA News	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Recon
03:15 AM	-	Corps Report, The	-	-	-	-	-
03:30 AM	Sun City Soldier	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Recon Revisited
04:00 AM	Recon	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon	Fit Hood On Track	This Week in the Pentagon	Today's Air Force	Army Newswatch
04:30 AM	FNG	Army Newswatch	All Hands TV	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	All Hands TV	This Week in the Pentagon
05:00 AM	Today's Air Force	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Grill Sergeants, The
05:30 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
06:00 AM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
06:30 AM	Recon Revisited	Recon	Recon Revisited	Recon	Recon Revisited	Recon Revisited	Balad and Beyond
07:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	All Hands TV
07:30 AM	National Guard News	Grill Sergeants, The	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report
07:45 AM	-	-	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report
08:00 AM	Around the Services	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Army Newswatch
08:30 AM	Around the Services	Recon Revisited	USARJ This Week	This Week in the Pentagon	Grill Sergeants, The	All Hands TV	Today's Air Force
09:00 AM	Around the Services	Today's Air Force	Corps Report, The	Tour of Duty	Army Newswatch	Today's Air Force	Recon
09:15 AM	-	-	Pacific Report	-	-	-	-
09:30 AM	Around the Services	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	This Week in the Pentagon
10:00 AM	Around the Services	Pacific Report	This Week in the Pentagon	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	FNG
10:15 AM	-	AFN Europe Report	-	-	-	-	-
10:30 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
11:00 AM	Benning Report, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Balad and Beyond	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Around the Services
11:30 AM	Grill Sergeants, The	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services
12:00 PM	VA News	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Around the Services
12:15 PM	Corps Report, The	-	-	-	-	-	-
12:30 PM	This Week in the Pentagon	All Hands TV	Today's Air Force	This Week in the Pentagon	All Hands TV	AFN Europe Report	Around the Services
12:45 PM	-	-	-	-	-	Pacific Report	-
01:00 PM	Army Newswatch	Recon	Recon Revisited	Grill Sergeants, The	Recon Revisited	EXchange On Air	Around the Services
01:30 PM	FNG	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	1st Air Force Now
02:00 PM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
02:30 PM	Today's Air Force	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	National Guard News
03:00 PM	Recon	Today's Air Force	Army Newswatch	All Hands TV	Fit Hood On Track	This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon
03:30 PM	American Veteran, The	American Veteran, The	This Week in the Pentagon	FNG	This Week in the Pentagon	Pacific Report	Benning Report, The
03:45 PM	-	-	-	-	-	AFN Europe Report	-
04:00 PM	USARJ This Week	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange
04:30 PM	Grill Sergeants, The	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	-
05:00 PM	This Week in the Pentagon	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	-
05:30 PM	Army Newswatch	This Week in the Pentagon	Grill Sergeants, The	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Downrange	Grill Sergeants, The
06:00 PM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
06:30 PM	Downrange	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	This Week in the Pentagon
07:00 PM	-	Recon	Recon Revisited	Recon	Recon Revisited	Recon Revisited	USARJ This Week
07:30 PM	-	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	Grill Sergeants, The	FNG
08:00 PM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
08:30 PM	FNG	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	Battleground
08:45 PM	-	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	-
09:00 PM	This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Grill Sergeants, The	Sun City Soldier	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon Revisited
09:30 PM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
10:00 PM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
10:30 PM	EXchange On Air	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Today's Air Force
11:00 PM	All Hands TV	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	FNG
11:30 PM	This Week in the Pentagon	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Downrange	Army Newswatch

# LeBron, Cavaliers cruise to 2-0 lead

By TOM WITHERS  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Once the lead fattened to 16 points midway through the second quarter, Cleveland Cavaliers coach Mike Brown turned to his bench and summoned one of his rested players to check back in.

Pulling a towel from his neck and yanking off his sweats, the substitute hurried to the scorer's table and waited.

LeBron James was ready. The Atlanta Hawks were done. Like a playoff wrecking ball, the Cavaliers rolled to their sixth straight double-digit victory of the playoffs Thursday night as James scored 27 points in a 105-85 demolition of the Hawks, who are hurting and in an 0-2 hole in the Eastern Conference semifinal.

James made another of those you've-got-to-be-kidding buzzer beaters at the end of the first half, Mo Williams scored 15 and Wally Szczerbiak added 17 off the bench as the Cavs tied a league record by winning their sixth consecutive playoff game by at least 10 points.

"We don't go into a game and say 'Let's win by 20,'" James said. "We say 'Let's execute and take one possession at a time and get better. If it causes us to win by 20 or by two, we're ready.'"

The only other team to win six straight so easily was the 2004 Indiana Pacers. Cleveland also

matched the 1986 Los Angeles Lakers by winning three straight games by at least 20 points in the playoffs.

"We're not idiots," Cavs center Zydrunas Ilgauskas said. "We'll run into some adversity. You don't win 66 games just by walking around in the park. When it happens, we'll handle it."

James made a step-back, 36-foot three-pointer at the halftime horn to give the Cavaliers a 24-point lead. The stunning shot was similar to the one he banked in at the end of the first half in Game 1 of Cleveland's opening-round sweep of the Detroit Pistons.

The Hawks are the ones reeling now.

Atlanta entered the game without center Al Horford and forward Marvin Williams — two of its best players — because of injuries. If that wasn't bad enough, leading scorer Joe Johnson rolled his right ankle when he had his shot blocked by James in the third quarter and did not return.

X-rays were negative, but Johnson, who needed a wheelchair to get to the locker room, wore a walking boot as he and his teammates headed home for Game 3 on Saturday.

"I can't see me not playing," Johnson said. "I don't want to let this opportunity go by. We're down 0-2. I want to be out there for my teammates. Hopefully in 48 hours I will feel a lot better."

## NBA scoreboard

### Playoffs

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-seven)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Cleveland vs. Atlanta  
Cleveland 99, Atlanta 72  
Thursday: Cleveland 105, Atlanta 85, Cleveland leads series 2-0  
Saturday: Cleveland at Atlanta  
Monday: Cleveland at Atlanta  
Wednesday, May 13: Atlanta at Cleveland  
Friday, May 15: Cleveland at Atlanta  
Monday, May 18: Atlanta at Cleveland

**Boston vs. Orlando**  
Orlando 95, Boston 90  
Wednesday: Boston 112, Orlando 94, series tied 1-1  
Friday: Boston at Orlando  
Sunday: Boston at Orlando  
Tuesday: Orlando at Boston  
Thursday, May 14: Boston at Orlando  
Sunday, May 17: Orlando at Boston

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
L.A. Lakers vs. Houston  
Houston 100, L.A. Lakers 92  
Wednesday: L.A. Lakers 111, Houston 98, series tied 1-1  
Friday: L.A. Lakers at Houston  
Sunday: L.A. Lakers at Houston  
Tuesday: Houston at L.A. Lakers  
Thursday, May 14: L.A. Lakers at Houston  
Sunday, May 17: Houston at L.A. Lakers

**Denver vs. Dallas**  
Denver 109, Dallas 95  
Tuesday: Denver 117, Dallas 105, Denver leads series 2-0  
Saturday: Denver at Dallas  
Monday: Denver at Dallas  
Wednesday, May 13: Dallas at Denver  
Friday, May 15: Denver at Dallas  
Sunday, May 17: Dallas at Denver  
— if necessary

### Thursday

#### Cavaliers 105, Hawks 85

ATLANTA — Evans 7-12 1-1 16, Jos. Smith 2-13 4-4 8, Pachulia 2-6 3-4 7, Bibby 3-8 3-3 11, Johnson 5-15 0-2 10, Murray 2-5 3-4 8, Jones 0-3 2-2 2, M. West 0-2 1-2 1, Hunter 1-2 0-0 2, Gardner 4-11 1-1 12, Law 3-6 1-1 8. Totals 29-83 19-24 85.

CLEVELAND — James 9-14 6-12 27, V. J. 6-9 0-0 12, Ilgauskas 3-6 0-0 6, M. Williams 5-11 2-3 15, D. West 5-10 4-4 14, J. Smith 0-1 4-4 4, Gibson 0-3 4-4 4, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Szczerbiak 7-9 3-3 17, Pavlovic 2-5 0-0 4, Jackson 1-2 0-0 2, Kinsey 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-71 23-30 105.

Atlanta 17 18 20 30—85  
Cleveland 26 33 26 20—105  
Three-Point Goals—Atlanta 8-17 (Gardner 3-5, Bibby 2-4, Evans 1-2, Murray 1-2, Law 1-2, Johnson 0-2), Cleveland 6-19 (James 3-5, M. Williams 3-8, Ilgauskas 0-1, D. West 0-1, Pavlovic 0-2, Gibson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 41 (Pachulia 12), Cleveland 58 (V. J. 8). Assists—Atlanta 17 (Evans 4), Cleveland 19 (M. Williams, James 5). Total Fouls—Atlanta 22, Cleveland 22. Technicals—Jos. Smith, Atlanta Coach Woodson, M. Williams. A—20,562 (20,562).

## Golf roundup

# Crane takes lead in Players Championship

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Ben Crane should have known what was coming when he rolled in a 30-foot birdie putt on the first hole of the day. He kept right on pouring them in until he had a 7-under 65 and a one-shot lead in The Players Championship.

Crane made four birdie putts longer than 20 feet, kept his ball on land throughout another wild opening round Thursday on the TPC Sawgrass and wound up atop a leaderboard devoid of the biggest stars.

Tiger Woods couldn't make a putt outside 4 feet.

Phil Mickelson ran off three straight birdies early in his round, then couldn't keep the ball in play.

Crane couldn't relate. "It's one of those rounds that you just live for when you're a golfer," he said. "And I had one today at one of my favorite courses and tournaments of all time."

Crane had a one-shot lead over John Mallinger, Alex Cejka and Richard S. Johnson of Sweden, with a large group at 67 that included Retief Goosen, David Toms, Camilo Villegas and Scott Verplank, who had two eagles — one of them from 150 yards out on the 15th fairway, another with a putt that seemed about that long on the par-5 second.

Woods opened his round with four straight birdie chances inside 12 feet and missed them all. He wound up with a 71, keeping alive his streak of never breaking

70 in the opening round in this elite event.

Mickelson hit iron off the 18th tee but it worked out beautifully with an approach to 5 feet for birdie to salvage a 73.

"Looked like it was going to be a great round," Mickelson said. "And then it just kind of went away."

That can happen on one of the most exciting courses in golf, where small mistakes can turn into big numbers.

Brian Gay made a small error by trying to reach the fourth green from the left rough, coming up short and into the water. He took a drop, dumped it in the water again, finally got on land and three-putted for a quintuple-bogey 9 on his way to an 80, one of five players who failed to break 80.

**LPGA:** At Williamsburg, Va., Lorena Ochoa shot a 7-under 64 to take a one-shot lead over Lindsey Wright after the first round of the Michelob Ultra Open at Kingsmill.

Coming off a victory two weeks ago in her native Mexico, the top-ranked Ochoa had eight birdies and a bogey on the soggy 6,315-yard River Course at Kingsmill. She's seeking her first victory in the event after finishing second three times.

Hee-Won Han, Sarah Lee and Minea Blomqvist shot 66s, Seon Hwa Lee, Na Yeon Choi and Amy Yang had 67s, and 2007 champion Suzann Pettersen was among seven at 68.

Michelle Wie opened with a 70.

# Barge's glove saves Kubasaki in series opener

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

CHIBANA RECREATION AREA, Okinawa — Kubasaki's bats and legs produced seven runs against Kadena in Friday's Game 1 of the Okinawa Activities Council district baseball championship series.

Mikael Barge's glove likely saved at least five runs as the Dragons beat the Panthers 7-4 to draw first blood in the best-of-three series.

The Kubasaki center fielder made a catch on Chibana Field 1's outfield uphill slope with two runners on to end the fourth inning, caught another one in the same location to start the fifth and ended that inning by snagging a fly ball with the bases loaded.

The catches proved to be the turning point of the contest.

"It was pretty big," coach Randy Toor said of the plays by Barge, who's been used at all three outfield positions this season. "We're confident when he's out there, if the ball goes to him, he'll catch it."

The Dragons won for the 14th time in 15 tries against Kadena dating back to 2007. Game 2 and, if necessary, Game 3 were slated for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday at



Foster Athletics Complex Field 9.

Barge's defensive heroics helped make a winner of senior right-hander Wataru Smiley. He struggled, giving up eight hits, eight walks, a wild pitch and two hit batsmen, but he went the distance, keeping the Dragons' other arms fresh for Saturday.

"He didn't have his best stuff, but it was enough for him to get through and rest the arms. That

was big," Toor said.

Kaleb Robinson went 4-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs, Smiley was 2-for-3 with three stolen bases, and the Dragons also scored runs on a double steal, a passed ball, an error and Josh Jones' RBI single.

Ryan "Yogi" Yerger knocked in two runs and Sean Leon Guerrero another for the Panthers. Kadena threatened in the seventh, scor-

**Kubasaki Dragons pitcher Wataru Smiley delivers against the Kadena Panthers during Friday's Game 1 of the best-of-three Okinawa Activities Council district baseball championship series at Chibana Recreation Area, Okinawa. Smiley and the Dragons took a one-game lead with a 7-4 victory.**

DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

## High school scoreboard

### Okinawa

Okinawa Activities Council District Baseball Championship  
At Chibana Recreation Area

Friday's summary

Kubasaki 410 101 0-7 12 3  
Kadena 101 000 2-4 8 6  
W-Wataru Smiley, 7 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 8 BB, 7 SO, 2 HBP, 1 WP, 2 BK, L-Sean Leon Guerrero, 6 IP, 9 H, 7 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 2 SO, HBP, 2 WP. Batting—Kubasaki, Kaleb Robinson 4-for-4, 2 B, 2 RBI, SB; Wataru Smiley 2-for-3, 3 SB; Josh Jones 2-for-3, RBI, 2 SB, Kadena, Ryan Yerger 2 RBI; Sean Leon Guerrero 2-for-4, RBI; Tyler Capps 3-for-5.

Girls soccer

Friday's summary  
Kubasaki 2, FC Unai 0  
At Camp Foster

Halftime-2-0  
Goals—Kubasaki, Elizabeth Fabila 1 (22), Sydney Bligh 1 (1). Saves—Kubasaki, Gabby Falco 6.

### Japan

Boys soccer

Friday's summary  
Christian Academy in Japan 4, Yokota 1  
At Yokota Air Base

Halftime-1-1  
Goals—Kubasaki, Ryo Fuseya 2 (5), Josiah Trim 1 (2), Wataru Ueno 1 (1); Yokota, Jimmy Niescier 1 (9). Assists—CAJ, Charlie Hancock 2, Ryo Fuseya 1; Yokota, Tony Presnell 1.

Girls soccer

Friday's summary  
Yokota 4, Christian Academy in Japan 0  
At Yokota Air Base

Halftime-3-0  
Goals—Yokota, Anya Brown 1 (4), Erika Ettl 1 (4), Lauren Duran 1 (1), Gabby Navarro 1 (1). Assists—Kubasaki, Anya Brown 1, Dani Courmoyer 1, Mia Angelella 1. Saves—Yokota, Desiree Kirkwood 5.

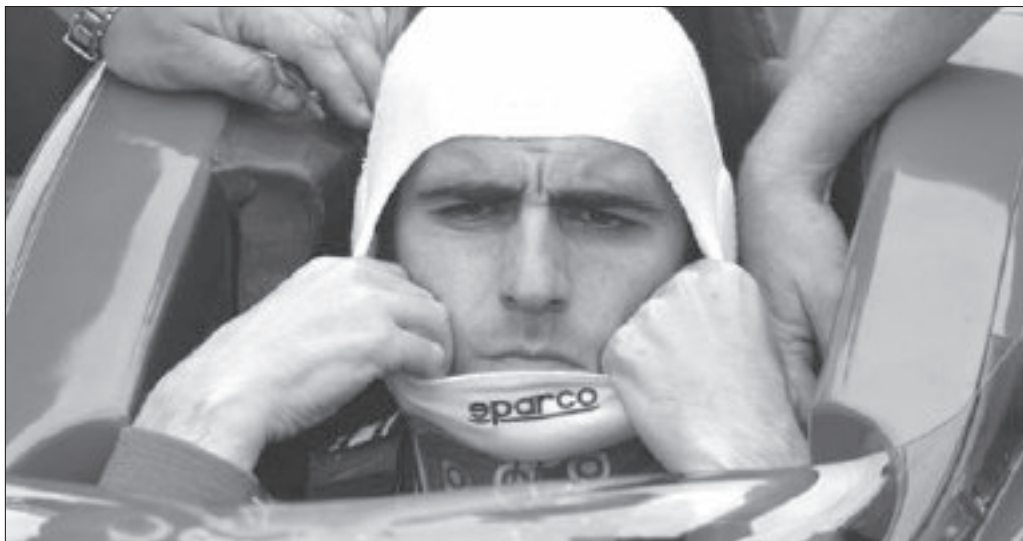
ing twice before Tex Tompkins grounded out with the bases loaded and the tying run at first base. The Panthers stranded 11 runners.

"We played better than the last couple of times we faced them," Panthers coach Kenneth Gamon said. "We turned it on at the end. If only games were played in nine innings."

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**Scotland's Dario Franchitti makes sure his protective head gear is in order before donning his helmet and taking a practice run for the Indianapolis 500 on Friday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Qualifying for the annual race at the Brickyard begins Saturday.**

Tom STRATTMAN/AP



## Sports briefs

# Ovechkin death threat traced to teen

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Police said they've traced an Internet death threat made against Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin to a 17-year-old boy.

Pittsburgh Lt. Kevin Kraus said the boy lives in Chambersburg, Pa., about 125 miles east-southeast of Pittsburgh. Kraus said state police have talked to the boy, but no charges had been filed.

The boy's name wasn't released because he's a juvenile.

The posting on an ice hockey message board read, "I'm killing Ovechkin. I'll go to jail. I don't care anymore."

The Capitals, leading the playoff series 2-1, met the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 4 at Pittsburgh on Friday. The series continues in Washington with Game 5 on Saturday.

### Sharp crashes during Indy practice

INDIANAPOLIS — Former pole winner Scott Sharp crashed during practice for the Indianapolis 500 but escaped injury at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Friday.

Sharp was checked at the track's medical center and released, though he might not have the damaged car repaired in time for Saturday's qualifying.

He came through the first turn too high, spun around and nearly saved the car before it slid up the track and into the outside wall, smashing the right side.

It was the day's second crash after Dutch rookie Robert Doornbos skidded up the track and hit the wall in turn two.

Doornbos went to the track's medical center and was released and cleared to drive.

Afternoon rain later forced cars off the track.

### Dom DiMaggio dies at 92

BOSTON — Dominic DiMaggio, the bespectacled Boston Red Sox center fielder who was overshadowed by older brother Joe's spectacular career, died early Friday. He was 92.

DiMaggio was surrounded by his family at his death at his Massachusetts home, according to his wife, Emily. She did not give a cause of death but said that DiMaggio had been ill lately.

"He was the most wonderful, warm, loving man," his wife of 61 years said. "He adored his children, and we all adored him."

DiMaggio was a seven-time All-Star who holds the record for the longest hitting streak in Boston Red Sox history.

Known as the "Little Professor" because of his eyeglasses and 5-foot-9, 168-

pound frame, DiMaggio hit safely in 34 consecutive games in 1949. The streak was broken Aug. 9 when his big brother caught a sinking line drive in the eighth inning of a 6-3 Red Sox victory over the New York Yankees.

In 1951, the younger DiMaggio also had a 27-game hitting streak, the fifth-longest in Red Sox history. Joe set the major league record with a 56-game streak with the Yankees in 1941 and was elected to the Hall of Fame.

The oldest of the three center field-playing DiMaggio brothers was Vince, who had a 10-year major league career with five National League teams. Vince died in October 1986, Joe in March 1999.

Dom DiMaggio spent his entire career with the Red Sox, 10 full seasons plus three games in 1953. He was teammates and close friends with Red Sox greats Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr and Johnny Pesky.

Although Dom did not have the batting numbers of Joe, he was generally regarded as a better defensive player with a stronger arm. He was a career .298 hitter with 87 home runs. Joe was a .325 career hitter with 361 homers. Dom's baseball career was interrupted for three years (1943-45) by World War II when he was in the Navy, a military obligation that might have cost him induction into the Hall of Fame.

### Man also robbed Knicks' Curry

CHICAGO — A Chicago man ordered to serve 21 years in prison for robbing NBA star Antoine Walker was sentenced to another 21 years for holding up the New York Knicks' Eddy Curry.

Cook County State's Attorney spokeswoman Tandra Simonton said Antoine Larkins would serve the two sentences concurrently.

Larkins, 30, and Demorris Hill, 27, were charged with robbing Curry after police apprehended the two in the July 9, 2007, holdup of Walker at his Chicago home. Larkins was sentenced Tuesday in the Walker case.

Larkins pleaded guilty to breaking into Curry's home in the Chicago suburb of Burr Ridge on July 28, 2007. Police said intruders interrogated Curry's wife about the location of valuables.

### Pitino: No interest in NBA's Kings

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The University of Louisville said coach Rick Pitino is not interested in returning to the NBA.

The university insists there was no truth to a Yahoo! Sports report that said Pitino had inquired about the Sacramento Kings' vacant coaching job. Louisville spokesman Kenny Klein said Pitino was in his office

Friday but did not believe it necessary to address the situation.

Pitino just finished his eighth season with the Cardinals, leading Louisville to a 31-6 record and the Big East regular-season and tournament titles. The Cardinals lost to Michigan State in the regional finals of the NCAA tournament.

Pitino has coached two NBA teams. He went 90-74 with the New York Knicks from 1987 to 1989 and 102-146 with the Boston Celtics from 1997 to 2001.

### Russia beats U.S. in hockey semis

BERN, Switzerland — Russia scored on a power play with less than two minutes left Friday to beat the United States 3-2 in the semifinals of the hockey world championships.

Konstantin Gorovikov scored the winner for the defending champion with 1:47 left in the third period.

Team USA took the lead in the second through captain Dustin Brown, then tied it on Kyle Okposo's goal late in the period after Ilya Kovalchuk and Alexander Frolov had scored for Russia.

### Vols' Kiffin loses 11 players

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Eleven Tennessee players with scholarships have left the Volunteers football program under new coach Lane Kiffin, including four since the end of spring practice.

A team spokesman confirmed that wide receivers Ahmad Paige and Tyler Maples, offensive guard Darris Sawtelle and quarterback B.J. Coleman have left the program since the team's Orange and White scrimmage game April 18.

Kiffin, who took over at Tennessee in December, said during a Big Orange Caravan stop this week that he wants players who only want to play for the Vols.

### Borel, Rachel Alexandra eye Preakness

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Rachel Alexandra looks ready to take on the boys, with a familiar face in the saddle.

Stonestreet Stables owner Jess Jackson said Friday he's pointing the superstar 3-year-old filly to next weekend's Preakness — and Kentucky Derby-winning jockey Calvin Borel will be along for the ride.

Borel guided Rachel Alexandra to victory by more than 20 lengths in the Kentucky Oaks last weekend, then pulled a stunning upset aboard 50-1 long shot Mine That Bird in the Derby. Rachel Alexandra is undefeated in five starts since Borel took over as her jockey last fall.

Mine That Bird trainer Bennie Woolley Jr. has spoken to several jockeys about replacing Borel.

# Favre saga might not be finished

By GREG A. BEDARD

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Favre-ageddon for Green Bay Packers fans apparently has been avoided. For now, all is good in the Land of Cheese.

Citing a source close to the Minnesota Vikings, Yahoo! Sports reported Thursday afternoon that retired quarterback Brett Favre had informed the Vikings by phone that he would not be making a comeback.

So the heartbreaking sight to many Packers fans — Favre returning to Lambeau Field as a member of the hated Vikings — has been put off indefinitely.

The call apparently took place Wednesday afternoon and before Vikings coach Brad Childress was reportedly to travel to Mississippi to meet with Favre about joining the Vikings.

Favre's agent, Bus Cook, continued to deny knowledge of any interaction between his client and the Vikings.

"I don't know if Brett and Brad Childress talked today or not," Cook told USA Today. "Right now, Brett's retired. That's all I know. As far as I know, nothing's changed since yesterday."

"Brett said he doesn't know how all this stuff [about a comeback] got started."

Cook also knew of no plans for Favre to explain publicly his decision to remain retired, as was reported by Yahoo!

The Vikings likely would push Favre to make such a statement to help with damage control. The Twin Cities had been buzzing with the news Favre might be brought into the fold. Now the Vikings are left with Sage Rosenfels and Tarvaris Jackson as their quarterbacks.

According to league sources, the interest on both sides was very real and still might be. None of the sources would confirm the Yahoo report. In fact, two said they were "still waiting to see what happens."

They would be wise to do so. The last time Favre came out of retirement — in July 2008 — he previously had flirted with returning to the game but decided against it, much like the current situation.

In an interview after he traded Favre from the Packers to the New York Jets, general manager Ted Thompson said Favre hinted in March 2008 that he might want to play again.

In response, Thompson and coach Mike McCarthy arranged to fly to Mississippi from the owners' meetings in Orlando, Fla., to speak with Favre and his wife, Deanna, about it.

Before the flight, Thompson said, Favre had a change of heart. "We were all set for them, but Brett called back and said that he and Deanna had a long talk about it and they were going to stick with their original decision," Thompson said.

Later in an interview with Fox News, Favre disagreed with Thompson's account. "I didn't say I wanted to come back," Favre said. "I did not call them before they went to Orlando and say, 'I'm playing. Man, I made a mistake.' ... That's not true."

This time around, a myriad of factors likely led Favre to pull back. For one, Favre, who is not averse to putting out trial balloons without Cook's knowledge, likely gauged the reaction of Packers fans to his possible purple turn. It was not positive.

In one poll, 61 percent of more than 8,000 readers said they would "hate" Favre if he suited up for the Vikings.

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Maurice Lopez, from San Pedro, Calif., who attended Thursday's game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Washington Nationals in Los Angeles, wears a shirt in response to the Dodgers' Manny Ramirez being suspended by Major League Baseball for 50 games for using a banned substance.



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Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre takes questions during a news conference concerning the Dodgers' suspended slugger, Manny Ramirez, at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on Thursday. "The mood was sad in the clubhouse," Torre said. The Dodgers will be without Ramirez until July 3.

# Drug scandal rocks Mannywood

## Dodgers plan to keep grinding without star

By JOE RESNICK  
For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Now that the Los Angeles Dodgers won't have Manny Ramirez at their disposal for the rest of his 50-game drug suspension, they plan to keep grinding it out as though nothing had happened. That might be easier said than done, despite his teammates' bravado.

"This is a team. This is not the 'Los Angeles Mannys,'" said injured first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, a teammate of Ramirez on the Boston Red Sox's 2004 World Series team.

"We're a really good team here, and Manny's a big part of our team. But as far as the team goes, this is a tremendous opportunity for us to prove to people that we're not just Manny and 24 other guys."

Mannywood was rocked Thursday when the All-Star outfielder was suspended by commissioner Bud Selig for using a banned drug. In the first game of his suspension, the Dodgers scored six

runs in the first inning but lost 11-9 to the Washington Nationals — ending their modern-day major league record at 13 consecutive home victories from the start of the season.

Manager Joe Torre and general manager Ned Colletti learned the news during an early-morning phone call from team owner Frank McCourt. Torre talked to Ramirez during the day by phone, then spoke to his players during a closed-door meeting before batting practice about how they're going to adjust.

"The mood was sad in the clubhouse," Torre said. "You can't have someone who's as much of an impact player and personality as Manny is missing without it affecting people."

"He feels very badly. Right now he's trying to gather his thoughts," Torre added. "The worst thing I think a person can be is a disappointment to somebody else, and Manny feels like a disappointment. As tough as it is for us, it's pretty tough for Manny."

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**Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Manny Ramirez will lose about \$7.65 million of his \$25 million salary while he sits out a 50-game suspension.**

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## Ramirez shakes sports with 50-game suspension

By JIMMY GOLEN  
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Shaq's spelling was a bit off. His sentiment, though, was right on.

"Dam manny ramirez, come on man Aggggggggggh, aggggggggh, aggggggh," Shaquille O'Neal wrote on Twitter.

From NBA courts to the court of public opinion, from major league clubhouses to the White House, reaction came swiftly Thursday after Manny Ramirez was suspended for 50 games for using a banned substance.

The commissioner's office did not identify the substance. The Los Angeles Dodgers slugger said it was not steroids but a medication containing a banned substance that a doctor had given him.

Houston star Lance Berkman echoed a familiar refrain: In the Steroids Era, nothing is too shocking.

"I wasn't surprised. I think that anybody that makes the game look clownish is under suspicion because it's just not that easy," he said. "It's unfortunate that here

we go again with another round of steroid questions."

Ramirez ranks 17th on the career home run list with 533. He said he was sorry for "this whole situation."

An avid sports fan, Cleveland Cavaliers superstar LeBron James was asked if he was troubled by baseball's continuing steroids scandal. "Absolutely," said the NBA MVP and die-hard New York Yankees fan. "Because you love the game, you never want to have someone taint the game or try to get an advantage by not doing things the right way. It's definitely bad, but hopefully baseball will get through it because it's a great sport."

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs weighed in, too.

"I think it's a disappointment to anybody that's a sports fan," Gibbs said. "My sense is, it's a great embarrassment on Major

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